

CHIANG TAKES OVER AS PRESIDENT

Issues statement on resumption of office PREMIER YEN RESIGNS

Taipei, March 1.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today formally resumed the Presidency of the less than 30,000 square miles of what remains of Nationalist China.

Hankow workers on strike

Communist authorities at Hankow are facing a widespread labour strike, according to recent arrivals from the Central China city.

They said that when they left the city less than a week ago, the strike was still on. The workers called a general strike because their Chinese New Year bonuses were withheld by their employers to buy Victory Bonds as instructed by the Communist authorities.

The arrivals said that communications were paralysed, and factories, restaurants and shops closed.

Communist China and the UN

Lake Success, March 1.

The new rule on credentials adopted by the Security Council at India's instance may hasten the date of Communist China's membership, said United Nations observers today.

The rule says "credentials shall be issued either by the head of the state or the government concerned, or by its minister of foreign affairs."

The credentials of Mr. Chang Wen-hsin, Communist China's delegate designate, have been received at Lake Success. Two things have stood in the way of the Peking Government's representative taking China's seat in the Security Council—lack of seven affirmative votes and possibility that even if seven votes were available, Nationalist China, as a permanent member, might veto the proposal.

United Nations circles have hitherto divided on whether a question like that of China's seat is a matter of procedure or of substance. The question, that is, which of the two contending governments is the government of a state?

If it was held to be a matter of substance, as Nationalist China has held, it would give a permanent member the right to veto.

Now, as a result of Mr. Bengali Narasingh Rao's amendment of procedure, the definition of the term "government" would be the next step and that too would be a procedural matter, as the rule has already been adopted.

While the requirement of seven affirmative votes is still needed, the possibility of a veto has been removed by the Indian amendment. If "government" is suitably defined within the rules of procedure.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) an extensive mass of high pressure over the Pacific off the coast of Japan has moved into the Pacific off the coast of Japan. It is expected to continue to spread slowly eastwards.

Today's Forecast: Moderate S.W. by S.W. winds, becoming fairer and cooler during the afternoon, slightly warmer.

Yesterday's Weather: Mainly clear, 68.5 deg. F., minimum 55.5 deg. F., maximum 71.5 deg. F. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 1.67 in. (2.1 in. as against an average of 1.97 in. for the month).

Barometer at 0600: 30.07 in. (30.07 in. as against an average of 30.10 in. for the month).

Wind at 0600: 10.0 to 15.0 m.p.h. (10.0 to 15.0 m.p.h. as against an average of 12.0 to 15.0 m.p.h. for the month).

Sea at 0600: 1.0 to 1.5 m. (1.0 to 1.5 m. as against an average of 1.0 to 1.5 m. for the month).

Cloud at 0600: 10.0 to 15.0 m.p.h. (10.0 to 15.0 m.p.h. as against an average of 12.0 to 15.0 m.p.h. for the month).

Atomic defence in UK



A three-girl team drawn from the Red Cross, the Women's Voluntary Service and the Red Cross took part in a demonstration of atomic defence techniques at Winchester. The display was given by naval personnel from the Atomic Defence School, HMS Phoenix, and was organised by the Hampshire Civil Defence Corps. Photo Shows: Wearing anti-gas boots and headphones, Patricia Preston of the WVS probes an area with a Geiger monitor for supposed deadly radioactivity.—A.P. Photo.

LI TO LUNCH WITH TRUMAN

Nationalist China's Acting President, General Li Tsung-jen, will be the guest of President Truman at lunch today, according to private messages from General Li's entourage at New York last night.

After the lunch, General Li will return from Washington to his New York residence.

LI not resigning

President, Nationalist bombers added power installations in Communist Nanking, lending emphasis to Chiang's promise to reconquer the Chinese mainland.

Meanwhile, in New York, Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, personal adviser to Acting President Li Tsung-jen of Nationalist China, said that President Li has no intention of resigning and the Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek cannot take over the Presidency.

Dr. Kan said: "When Generalissimo Chiang resigned he became a private citizen. How can a private citizen declare himself to be President? President Li will be President until he resigns and he has no intention of resigning."

Dr. Kan's statement fore-shadowed an open fight between Li and Chiang for control of the Nationalist Government. Their long standing feud flared when Li was elected Vice-President over the opposition of the Generalissimo.

Dr. Kan denied the reports from Taipei that Li had forfeited his constitutional right to retain the Presidency by remaining more than three months from China.

Dr. Kan maintained that Li will "continue to serve out his six-year term. That term has about five years and nine months to run. When it is up a new president must be elected as provided for by the constitution."

Dr. Kan said Li already had been preparing to leave for Taipei when he heard of developments in Taipei. He believed that Li would speed his departure in view of the new developments.—Associated Press and United Press.

TRAIN DERAILED IN MALAYA

Singapore, March 1.

Malayan guerrillas today derailed a passenger train and fought a 40 minute battle with Gurkha guards and police.

One attacker was killed and at least two others were wounded. One Gurkha soldier was wounded.—Reuter.

Robin Hood bands preying on Communists in Kwangsi Province

Robin Hood bands have sprung up in various parts of Kwangsi Province, assisting farmers in their fight against the collection of taxes in kind and providing destitute peasants with captured foodstuffs.

A Chinese merchant who arrived from Kwangsi yesterday by way of Canton told the "China Mail" that the bands are also engaged in destroying highways and bridges.

He said that peasants throughout the province are unanimously opposed to the rice taxes imposed by the Communist authorities. Many have become destitute as a result of collection of rice taxes by force.

Former Nationalist army officers have come out from hiding to help the farmers.

Bands ranging from a few hundred armed men to 2,000 or 3,000 strong, made up of former Nationalist soldiers and rebel farmers, are helping the people.

He said that disguised as Communist troops they ambush Communist military truck convoys transporting food and military supplies along the highways.

The food supplies are distributed to destitute farmers. The military supplies are taken to the Nationalist blue-prints of the bands.

The informant said that there have been a number of instances where members of the bands infiltrated into small Communist garrisons as defected Nationalist soldiers to pave the way for an attack by their comrades.

Farmers, he added, are supporting the bands by providing them with food and shelter during their expeditions.

Attlee re-elected Labour Party head

London, March 1.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, was re-elected leader of the Labour Party today, and issued an immediate appeal to the country to "let us get through together" in the parliamentary crisis.

Mr. Attlee's re-election was a formality after last week's very close election in which Labour won only a seven-seat majority in the House of Commons.

Mr. Attlee's re-election occurred at a meeting this morning of the Parliamentary Labour Party—all Labour members of the new Parliament—at which Mr. Attlee warned all Labourites that they faced the most critical session of Parliament in nearly a century because of an almost even division between Government and the Opposition.

West Berlin officials ban youth march

Berlin, March 1.

The German authorities in West Berlin have decided to ban a march by half a million Communist-led "Free German" youths through their sector at Whitson. It was officially announced here today.

A spokesman said that Professor Ernst Reuter, the Western Lord Mayor, would announce the decision at tomorrow's meeting of the city assembly.

The "Free German Youth" movement had applied to the West German authorities for permission to march through the Western sectors as part of the celebration at their "peace" rally from May 27 to 29.—Reuter.

Commons convenes

The newly elected House of Commons convened at 2.45 p.m. GMT (10.45 p.m. HK time) today for one of the most critical parliamentary sessions in a century.

The stunned and chastened Labour Government that filed into the historic chamber had only a technical seven-seat majority over all Opposition parties.

Formal state opening of Parliament will be held next Monday with King George's speech from the throne. Sketching the programme the Labour Government hopes to follow.

Today's session was to elect the Speaker in the ancient ritual of British Parliament.—United Press.

KMT PLANES PATROLLING NT BORDER

Taipei, March 1.

The Nationalist air force announced today that its planes have begun patrolling the Hong Kong New Territories border for the expected departure of the defected civil airliners from Hong Kong.

An air force communique said planes on patrol attacked ships in the East River on their way to the mainland.—United Press.

FUCHS PLEADS GUILTY, IS SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON

London, March 1.

Dr. Klaus Fuchs, Britain's top ranking atomic scientist, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey today to betraying Anglo-American atom bomb secrets to Russia, and was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

The 38-year-old German-born scientist confessed he was a Soviet agent for seven years and threw himself on the mercy of the court after admitting his guilt on four specific counts of handing over atomic secrets to the Soviets—twice in the United States and twice in England.

In a heavy accent, the slender, balding Dr. Fuchs said: "I do not want to hurt my friends. I have had a fair trial."

Dr. Fuchs was given the maximum possible sentence under the security laws on which he was tried.

The Court held that his crime was only technically different from high treason. The only redeeming feature, the Court said, was that Dr. Fuchs since his arrest had given valuable information to the Government.

It was not disclosed whether this related to further atomic research by Fuchs on information about the Russian spy network.

The packed Courtroom was hushed as Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice of England, passed sentence. He leaned over the bench and looked the former German refugee scientist in the face. Then he said:

"You have imperilled the right of asylum which this country has extended to political refugees. In 1933 you were granted asylum (from the Nazis). You have betrayed hospitality by the gravest treachery."

"In 1942 you were granted British nationality. From that moment you betrayed secrets of vital importance to strengthen a creed inimical to all freedom-loving countries. You might have imperilled the friendship between this country and the great American Republic with whom His Majesty is allied. You have done great harm to the land and the United States, and you did it as your statement (confession) shows clearly for the purpose of furthering your political creed."

Not only did Fuchs betray the products of his own brain, Lord Goddard said, but the secrets of other workers. He said: "Not only in this country, but in the United States they might have become objects of grave suspicion."

Fuchs took his sentence calmly. He crumpled a piece of note paper in his hand as the Lord Chief Justice, resplendent in crimson robes and white wig, read the sentence. Fuchs sat quietly in the dock, staring through his spectacles at the imposing figure of the presiding judge.

Lord Goddard looked down on the slight figure in a crumpled tie and brown suit and told him: "Your crime is only thinly differentiated from high treason."

When Lord Goddard had finished, Fuchs thanked the defence counsel and the governor and staff of Brixton Prison for their "considerate treatment."

He said: "I have committed other crimes—crimes against my own brain."

His voice was low, hardly audible.

Then it was all over. Fuchs was led from the courtroom to begin his sentence.

The whole trial lasted only 90 minutes.

Dr. Klaus Fuchs pleaded guilty today to betraying secrets which may have speeded Russia's production of the atom bomb.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, prosecuting said: "This is a case of the utmost gravity—I suppose as serious as any that has ever been prosecuted under this statute" (the Espionage Official Secrets Act of 1911), adds Reuter.

Serious case

Sir Hartley declared: "My Lord, the prisoner is a Communist and that is at once the explanation and indeed the tragedy of this case. Apart from the great harm he has done to the country which he adopted and which adopted him, it is a tragedy when a man of high intellectual processes to become warped by devotion to Communism that, as he himself says, he became a kind of controlled schizophrenic."

The dominant part of his mind thus allowed him to do things which at other parts of his mind recognised clearly were wrong. Indeed his statement—so far as we have been able to check it—we believe to be true. It is an object lesson on the meaning of modern Communism."

United Press and Reuter.

Mr. C.R. Liggit, deputy chief of SCAP's legal section, said: "So far as I know, no other Allied nation contemplates holding further trials of Japanese war crimes suspects."

The French have not notified us officially, he said, "but I don't know of any trials that they expect to hold. Of course, our information on what the Russians are going to do with the Japanese in their hands is meagre."

The 47 Japanese, among whom are five former generals stationed in the New Guinea area, will be released as soon as processing can be completed.—United Press.

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Dr. Klaus Fuchs.
(AP Photo)

Ferry man's courageous action

The courage and presence of mind on the part of a Chinese seaman on board the ferry Golden Star in jumping into the cold and choppy Harbour last night were responsible for the saving of a woman from drowning.

Shortly before 10 p.m. the Golden Star was on the way from Kowloon to Hong Kong and when the ferry was half way across the harbour a Chinese woman who was travelling in the third class compartment fell or jumped overboard.

A seaman of the ferry, Leung Ming, without hesitation, dived into the water and after swimming for some distance succeeded in rescuing her.

For the meantime there was a commotion on board, among the third class passengers and life-buoys were thrown overboard.

At the same time the ferry circled round the locality where the woman fell into the water.

Eventually, the seaman and the woman were taken to the Queen Mary Hospital in an ambulance.

The ferry was delayed for about 10 minutes.

WOMAN DEAD IN KOWLOON

A woman, Kong Suk-ying, widow and principal tenant of 39 Shanghai Street, third floor, was found dead between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. yesterday.

A carpenter and his wife who lived in the rear cubicle of the same address are making inquiries.

ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robber entered the Wellington Cafe shortly after midnight last night and robbed the shroff of more than \$300. The robber armed with a revolver, ordered a meal and after paying his bill went to the counter and held up the shroff.

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DEGREES CONFERRED AT HKU CONGREGATION

Two representatives of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education are due here shortly to discuss the allocation of funds to the University of Hong Kong from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.

This was revealed by Professor L. T. Ride, Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, at yesterday's Congregation at the Great Hall of the University.

Professor Ride said that the justification of a British University in Hong Kong was the necessity for an institution of learning, where freedom of thought still exists, and where freedom to choose one's beliefs remains unthreatened.

The Vice-Chancellor said: "This is the 38th Congregation of our University, and the first official Congregation held in this building since May 1941. 'In the modern game of Haves and Have-nots (I hope, my friends, if not correct, may be forgiven) this University is qualified to play for either side, because despite our many deficiencies and adversities, there is one thing we have never lacked and that is an abundance of critics. I admit here and now without shame that in those years just prior to the war I was of their number; I often asked myself: What useful purpose do we serve here in Hong Kong? My head wagged in unison with those who doubted whether we were fulfilling any really useful purpose in this community, whether the result was worth the outlay.

"Before we arrive at a decision as to whether the University is justifying its existence or not, I suggest we should first consider what a University is for, why have we a University in Hong Kong, and what should we expect of our university?"

"In this connection it is interesting to note that at an International Conference held at Utrecht in August, 1948, the role of a University was one of the major subjects for discussion. The report of this Conference defines a University as an institution of higher education devoted to teaching and research and legally entitled to confer degrees; it defines higher education as including all teaching and research which have satisfactorily completed an approved course of secondary education, and it further defines a student as one who is matriculated in, or otherwise admitted to, an institution of higher education.

"This brief-print for a University gives the architect a very wide scope, but in addition it broadens the field for the critic. When we start talking about standards of University degrees we are on very debatable ground. In general no standards are laid down; a university fixes its own standards, but in some cases, for example in medicine a very rigid standard is set for the protection of the public by a statutory body known as the General Medical Council, appointed under the Medical Act of 1858. Our courses and examinations conform to medical requirements and our medical graduates are registrable with the

General Medical Council in the United Kingdom.

"In engineering there is no such legal yardstick, but each year standards are checked by sending the examination papers of our final year students to the London University for assessment by their professors.

Criticism natural

"But in the other sciences and the arts we have no such outside help, and the departments concerned are more at the mercy of local university conditions—mainly financial—when setting their standards.

"It is here that the critics find their happy hunting ground, and in the forefront of their ranks you will find many members of our academic staff. Can we remain content with our achievements when in none of our departments are we yet able to offer honours courses for our students, many of whom are definitely of honours calibre?

"It is, any wonder, we are critical of the curriculum of a university in Hong Kong, which makes no attempt to open the door to the vast treasures of Portuguese culture and literature, which must admit to only a mere nodding acquaintance with the teaching of French, and that not to the degree stage?

"Are we making the most of our opportunities when, situated as we are alongside a nation which has produced some of the world's greatest philosophers, philosophers remains one of the minor subjects of our Arts Faculty? In this commercial capital of the Orient and in the second half of the 20th century, geography is merely a part-time subject and geology taught not at all. We take no official cognisance of the fine arts, and music has no place within our academic walls.

"I am optimistic enough to predict that before the next Congregation we shall see many of these shortcomings remedied. The problem is mainly one of finance; the grant of \$4,000,000 by the Hong Kong Government enabled us to restart our courses in a limited manner, but it was not sufficient to complete even the repair of all our war damaged buildings as witnesses this Hall and the Student Union opposite.

"The gift of \$250,000 by the Home Treasury, promised nearly two years ago but not yet received, will not enable us even to regain our pre-war status, let alone pay for any essential developments.

The University has therefore made application to the Colonial Office for an allocation from the sum set aside under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act 1945. Our request was placed before the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies for their recommendation.

"They have decided to refer the matter to the Colonial Office for a grant from the Colonial Development and Welfare Funds for to our proposals of the spending of the Treasury grant already promised, they would like to visit Hong Kong to discuss the problem with us.

"To this we readily and eagerly gave our assent with the proviso that the delay necessitated did not jeopardise our chances of obtaining a grant. It is expected that these visitors will arrive in the very near future. It is only fair to the citizens of the Colony that claims for assistance in this higher education of its young people should receive equal consideration by the Colonial Office with the claims from other colonies.

"It would be a lamentable setback to local enthusiasm and enterprise if the fact that we have hitherto been fortunate in our friends and benefactors, and in having a Government which has honoured its obligations towards higher education, it would, I repeat, be lamentable if these were considered to lessen our claim for continued help.

Sun Yat-sen's tribute

"The University is here, not to force any particular political, religious, social, economical, or scientific beliefs on the students, but to make available to those who so desire, the advantages of life and learning. It is only fair to the citizens of the Colony that claims for assistance in this higher education of its young people should receive equal consideration by the Colonial Office with the claims from other colonies.

was one of the first two members to qualify for the diploma of the old Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese.

"The Union Magazine, in reporting Dr. Sun Yat-sen's speech, said that he had been asked certain questions more than a thousand times, but hitherto, had no opportunity to answer. He thought that many present would like to ask the same question and today he was in a position to answer. The question was where and how he got his revolutionary ideas? He got the revolutionary idea in this very place, in the colony of Hong Kong.

"He then went on to tell his audience how he got the idea. He said that Hong Kong impressed him a great deal then. During his vacations he used to return to his home in Hengshang; he said that every time he left Hong Kong he felt the difference and each time he arrived home he had to be his own policeman, his own protector. As this happened year after year he began to compare both places, separated from one another by a mere 50 miles. He thought of the beautiful streets, the artistic parks and wondered why Englishmen could accomplish so much on this barren rock within 70 or 80 years. He found that in Hong Kong corruption was the exception; things were quite the reverse in China.

"After talking over this problem with friends, many of whom were soldiers and sailors, he learned that good government in countries like England did not just happen naturally and did not grow up by itself. In England the same corruption had existed but Englishmen, loving liberty, had changed the law. That idea came into his mind, said Dr. Sun. Why could we not change it? Why could we not imitate the same thing and change the government, to stop corruption?

"This idea he did not acquire through any course of instruction, but he nurtured it here in Hong Kong, during his study of medicine.

"What better proof could one desire than this of the statement I made a few minutes ago that a University is something more than a mere teaching institution. It was not what he was taught here that made Dr. Sun Yat-sen give up his profession of curing men, and spend his time curing his country, but it was the effect on him of a life he shared with others, his teachers and his fellow students, in a British institution of learning in a British Colony. As Father Ryan said in his talk before the Rotary Club last November, the youth of our educational institutions is the most important export of our Colony.

Freedom of thought

"Whatever our creed, whatever our standard of learning, surely in this year of grace 1950 it is to the advantage of humanity as a whole, that there should remain in the Far East yet one institution of higher learning, where freedom of thought still exists, where freedom of expression is not at the mercy of any one political party and where freedom to choose one's beliefs remains unthreatened by an iron fist or ungrammelled by a curtain, be it of iron or bamboo. That is the justification of a British University in Hong Kong.

"The degrees that are to be conferred posthumously today are poignant reminders of the record of service of the last generation with pride the 22 members of the University who gave their lives for the way of life in which they believed.

"By the highest authority in our Colony, each of you graduates will be proclaimed before the public as pre-eminent in your way of life of our degree. It is your day of the day for which you have worked and studied for so many years. And yet when the hurly-burly of life begins anew for you tomorrow, there will be no perceptible difference, life is one continuous school of learning and your graduation is, but the end of one stage in the school; but there is a difference. While here you have had the protection and guidance of your academic mother but now you are equipped to stand alone. Nevertheless remember, your University is always here to help you in your problems; use her as much in your post-graduate life as you did before.

"Some of you are destined to become leaders of your fellow men, others followers. In your lives we do not expect you to accept passively, and blindly the lessons you were taught here, but having been taught also to think, to discern, to discriminate, and to reason, you are equipped to choose your own way of life. May you live wisely, remembering always that humility is the essence of wisdom.

Governor's speech

"After conferring degrees upon the graduates, the Chancellor, Sir Alexander Grantham, in a short address, said Hong Kong University is the University of this British Colony that is mainly supported by the Colony, but the way of life of the Colony is the way of life of the British Empire. It is especially situated at the door of China and thus it brings to the people of China the best that British and Western culture can offer.

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The Chancellor, Sir Alexander Grantham (Governor of Hong Kong) is shown at the head of the procession on his way to declare the opening of the Duncan Sloss School of Engineering and Architecture after the Congregation of the Hong Kong University held at the University Hall yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

Duncan Sloss School of Engineering opened

The new Duncan Sloss School of Engineering and Architecture in Pokfulam Road was officially opened yesterday by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, in his capacity as Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong. The opening of this imposing new building, the latest addition to the University, was made to coincide with the first Congregation in nine years.

Canterbury Tales over Radio HK

The Canterbury Tales, the most famous, the liveliest and the most human collection of stories in the English language, are to be broadcast over Radio Hong Kong beginning on Saturday at 8.45 p.m.

It was the last great work of Geoffrey Chaucer's life. He was between 45 and 55 when he wrote it. Although that was some 550 years ago, he is believed to have begun them round about the year 1380.

The Tales begin with a Prologue describing a group of pilgrims assembled at the Tabard Inn in Southwark before starting on their pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Thomas a Becket at Canterbury.

The tales they tell are as varied and delightful as their tellers—romantic, farcical, tender, ironic, gravely spiritual, earthly, full-blooded, witty and marvellous. As the Prologue embraces the people of England, the tales the pilgrims tell embrace the whole imagination of medieval Europe and the Middle Ages were the great age of storytelling.

Some tales have been omitted as too broad and some because they appealed to a medieval taste for homily which we have lost. Some cuts have also been made. Apart from this, however, the writer's version is as complete and exact as he could make it in modern English and in the metres of the poem as Chaucer wrote it.

Chaucer was a courtier, what we should now call a civil servant. He wrote his poetry in his spare time when not attending to his duties as Controller of Customs at the Port of London. He would publish his poems by reading them aloud to King Richard II and his Court.

His poetry, having been written for so intimate an audience, is specially suited to broadcasting.

The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales comes on Saturday at 8.45 p.m. and the best known stories will come on the following 13 Saturday nights at the same time.

The players include: Felix Aymer, Valentin Dym, Albert Smith, Alan Whentley, Carleton Hobbs, Cecil Troncar, James McKechnie, David King-Wood, Betty Hardy and Norman Shelley.

The plays are produced by Stephen Potter and adapted for broadcasting by Nevill Coghill.

COCKTAIL PARTY

The Directors of John D. Hutcheon and Company, Limited gave a cocktail party on Monday in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

The occasion was the visit of Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Dym, Albert Smith, Alan Whentley, Carleton Hobbs, Cecil Troncar, James McKechnie, David King-Wood, Betty Hardy and Norman Shelley.

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Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 a.m.
HK Women's International Club, Dance for Services, 7.30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
HK Automobile Association, annual general meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 6.30 p.m.
HK Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 8.45 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, Ladies Night at Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
European YMCA Women's Section, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 a.m.
Lane Crawford, Limited, Centenary Celebration, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 6 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Kowloon Gramophone Society, Classical Concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
King George V School annual sports, 4 p.m.
European YMCA, Gay Variety Programme, by "The Aces", West Lounge, 8 p.m.

Death of Professor Rideout

Police have ruled out foul play in connection with the death of 38-year-old Professor J. K. Rideout, head of the Chinese School of the Hong Kong University.

The body was found on Tuesday floating in the sea South of Lantau Island. Professor Rideout had been missing February 10—a month after his arrival here for the first time in the East.

A fisherman found the body which was removed to the Public Mortuary. It was said to be in an advanced stage of decomposition. There were no marks of violence on it.

Professor Rideout arrived here in January with his wife from Australia. He was formerly senior lecturer in Chinese at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish, average prices, realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

First quality	Second quality	Average price
Mud Grouper	\$2.55
Giant Fish	1.95
Shrimp	1.70
Macao Sole (large)	2.00
Macao Sole (small)	1.50
Golden Thread	1.55
Yellow Croaker	1.40
Yellow Head (small)	1.40
Conner Pike	1.85
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.70
Red Sea Bream (small)	1.50
Flat Fish	1.30

HK TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The English Section of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association will hold a Social Function at La Salle College, Kowloon, on March 11 at 4 p.m.



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HONG KONG FILM AND THEATRE NEWS at \$1.00 per copy. Obtainable at "Leading Book Stores, Newspaper, Stationery and Printing, 'China Mail' Office."

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NOTICE OF SALE BY COMPETITIVE TENDER.

Surplus R.A.F. Equipment

Surplus R.A.F. vehicles are offered for sale by competitive tender. These vehicles may be viewed at the Station Equipment Section, R.A.F. Kai Tak on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 6th, 7th & 8th March, 1950, between the hours of 9 a.m. & 12 noon and 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. Tenders are invited for the purchase of these vehicles, the necessary tender forms being obtainable at the time of viewing on payment of HK\$ 500 deposit which will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers. Such tenders should be completed and returned to O.C. R.A.F. Station, Kai Tak not later than 10 a.m. on Saturday 11th March, 1950. The vehicles for sale are as follows:-

Motor Cycles, Matchless 15; Tenders 3 ton Ford 14; Tenders Thornycroft 3 ton 1; Cars 5 cwt Jeep 2; Vans 15 cwt Ford 4; Vans 15 cwt Fordson 1; Tenders Power 9 KVA Crossley 1; Chevrolet 15 cwt U/T 1.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
Australian Subscription Ponies 1951

The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1951 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, 1st Floor, Telephone House.

The Subscription List will close with SATURDAY, 11th MARCH, 1950.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 15, 1950.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 3rd Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 11th March, 1950, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office. Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd March, 1950.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 15, 1950.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1950, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 4th March to 10th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, February 22, 1950.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 20th March, 1950, at NOON to receive the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, to confirm the appointment of two Directors, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 6th March, 1950, to MONDAY, 20th March, 1950, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong February 24, 1950.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 5, Des Voeux Road, Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 28th March, 1950, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1949, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 14th March, 1950, until Tuesday, 28th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.
I. W. Shewan,
Director
General Managers

Hong Kong, March 2, 1950.

NOTICE APEXIOR

As from March 1st, 1950, The Bank Line (China) Ltd. Agents for British Paints Ltd. Newcastle-on-Tyne have taken over the Agency for APEXIOR COMPOUND and APEXIOR No. 3.

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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 17th day of March, 1950, at Noon, to transact the following business:-

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1949.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 4th March, 1950 to the 17th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G.B.S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 23, 1950.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF **CARMEN MASCARENHAS**, late of Canossian Convent, 36, Caine Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, Nurse, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, if no claim is made within five years from the 2nd day of March, 1950, being the date of the first publication of this Notice in the Colony of Hong Kong, the balance of funds now in my hands belonging to the estate of the abovenamed deceased will be transferred to the general revenue of the Colony pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Unclaimed Balances Ordinance No. 5 of 1929.

Dated the 2nd day of March, 1950.

Official Administrator and Administrator of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased.

Courts of Justice, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

Our Customers are hereby notified that with effect from 28th February, 1950, we have terminated our arrangement with Hongkong & Kowloon Deliveries.

On and after 1st March, 1950, deliveries of Milk and Bread will be made direct by us.

Payment of all outstanding accounts for Milk and Bread and for any supplies of those items delivered on and after 1st March, 1950, should be made direct to this Company.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.
Hongkong February 28, 1950.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION. REMINDER.

All Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the HONG KONG ROOF GARDEN

TODAY THURSDAY, 2nd March, 1950, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order
FRANK MARWICK MITCHELL & CO.
Secretaries & Treasurers

As from to-day our offices have been transferred to: EDINBURGH HOUSE

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Hongkong, February 28th, 1950.

NOTICE

NEW ADDRESS:
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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER:
31183

WHELOCK MARDEN & CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1950.

THE BANK OF CANTON LTD.

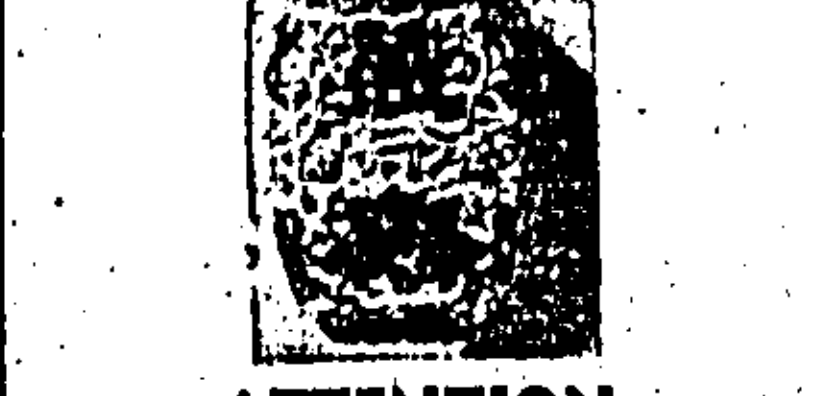
ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, March 15, 1950, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1949, and for the appointment of Auditors and Declaration of Dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from March 8 to March 15, 1950 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, March 1, 1950.



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IT DOESN'T PAY to treat an apparently easy contract as if it is a sure thing. The time to be careful is when it looks as if you can't help running enough tricks. Use your imagination then and try to think up, if you can, some arrangement of cards in the dealer's hands that might beat the diamond 5. If West had played low, he would have finished the 8. But West was not such a dummy. He stuck in the 10 and thereby killed all of the suit except the top. So South got only three tricks in diamonds plus five in the other suits and was down.

A more thorough dealer would have protected himself against that distribution, putting in the 9 on the first diamond lead - not for the purpose of winning a trick, but to ensure ability to win the fourth diamond trick if the suit was bunched with West. That would have assured 11 tricks if East won the 9, 12 if he didn't.

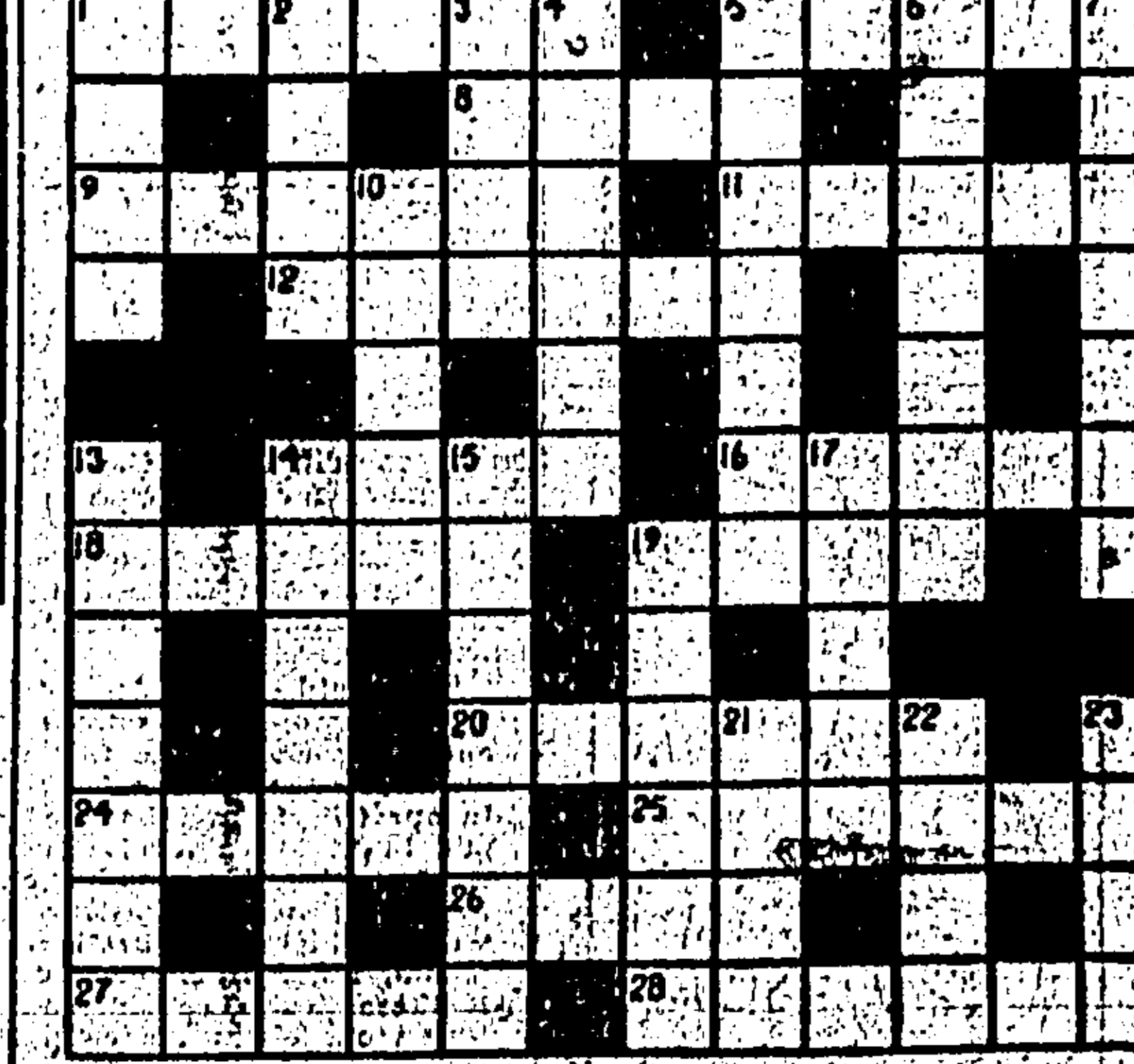
Tomorrow's Problem
S. 1003 H. 10754
D. 982 V. 3
C. 106 R. 106
54 S. A 8652
H. K. Q. 9
D. J. 10
C. A. 33

Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.
How can South strive for all the tricks after West leads the diamonds, two in clubs, two in spades and one in hearts.

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A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Feast. 18 Active.
5 Room in a 19 Victim.
ship. 20 Grated.
6 Hide. 24 Fire-raiser.
9 Spruce. ing.
11 Express. 25 Harangue.
12 Cycle. 26 Black.
14 Enrol. 27 Tendency.
16 Slip. 28 Account.

Down
1 Flank. 13 Brave.
2 Rakish. 14 Subtlety.
3 Aspert. 15 Erudite.
4 Mock. 17 Allude.
5 Trifling. 18 Clergyman.
6 Miffed. 21 Tree.
7 Reck. 22 Wall decoration.
10 Danger. 23 Deceitful.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS: 1. Host, 4. Blast, 6. Mince, 10. Noise, 12. Expert, 14. Deplete, 17. Dome, 19. Reveal, 20. Mander, 22. Erre, 23. Min, 24. Lament, 26. Aways, 28. Grate, 29. Enrol, 22. Prity.

DOWN: 1. Humid, 2. Swan, 3. Spry, 5. Lone, 6. Bully, 8. Some, 9. Extreme, 11. Order, 12. Feeling, 15. Ever, 16. Linger, 18. Main, 20. Masses, 21. Avenge, 24. Strip, 25. Taken, 26. Quarry, 28. Mean.

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ISRAEL PACT WITH JORDAN?

Tel Aviv, February 28. Secret negotiations between Israel and Jordan are likely to produce shortly an agreement on most of the outstanding problems, including the resumption of trade relations. The results of recent meetings between high level representatives of the two countries were submitted to a special Israeli Cabinet meeting today. The signature of a formal peace treaty is not expected in the immediate future but short of this the talks are said to have been fruitful. Though official Foreign Office spokesmen have refused to confirm the reports, observers believe that the first anniversary of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement (signed on April 3, 1949) will be marked by a new agreement. This will cover questions such as the reopening of several high-ways—the Old Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road (now blocked at Latrun by Arab Legion forces), the road to Bethlehem (now under Israeli control) and the one to Mount Scopus (now open to Israeli convoys only once a fortnight). The agreement now merely requires ratification by the two Governments.

Its most outstanding feature appears to be the resumption of trade relations, which were severed since the outbreak of hostilities in the Holy Land at the end of 1947.

According to some unconfirmed reports, the nature of the new agreement is a non-aggression pact for five years. Observers here believe that the progress in the negotiations following the recent deadlock was mainly the result of British and American pressure on both parties.—Reuter.

Hollywood, February 28. Blonde Jean Wallace, former wife of Franchot Tone, paid \$90 fine on two counts of driving while drunk and was released without probation today. She said, "I have been sick with fear about this. I am glad it's all over."—United Press.

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Manchester, New Hampshire, February 28. The husband of the cancer patient whom Dr. Herman Sander is accused of murdering, testified today, "If the Doctor was my own brother, I could not feel more kindly toward him."

Reginald Borroto, aged 65, a retired oil company salesman, testifying on the seventh day of Dr. Sander's mercy murder trial, recounted under cross-examination the kindness with which the physician had treated his wife, Ebbie, aged 59.

He said: "If Mrs. Borroto had been Dr. Sander's mother or sister, he couldn't have done more to encourage her." The husband added: "He brought her many gifts. On one occasion he brought her a canary in a cage complete with all fittings. She became very fond of the bird. Dr. Sander made a particular effort to bring his three little girls to see my wife because she was fond of children."

Mr. Borroto said that during his wife's long illness of abdominal cancer he made frequent social visits to the doctor's home, and was invited to dinner. He became a close friend of the 41-year-old physician and his family. Dr. Sander is accused of hastening Mrs. Borroto's death on December 4 by injecting air bubbles into her veins. The defence contends she was dead of cancer before the injection. The prosecution claims Dr. Sander

BRITISH NOTE TO RUSSIA

London, February 28. Britain has sent a note to Russia demanding an end to expropriation of British property in Eastern Germany without compensation.

The British Embassy delivered the note last Thursday. The text of the note, published in London today by the Foreign Office, states that Britain continues to hold the Soviet Government responsible for the protection of British assets in the Soviet zone of Germany.

Reflecting the view contained in a Russian note of June 4, 1948, that British interests in Eastern Germany are adequately cared for, the note says, on the contrary British interests in the Soviet zone have been entirely disregarded even in matters where the laws provide for their protection.

The British note, which follows earlier representations in January, 1946, and November, 1947, complained that in no case has compensation been offered for expropriated property. It also states that permission to visit British property in the Eastern zone has been refused to the representatives of the British interests concerned.

The note says, "Britain notes with satisfaction that the obligation of the Soviet Government to protect British interests and British assets in the Soviet zone of Germany is not called in question."

It asks for assurances that the Soviet Government will make such protection effective and that no further expropriations shall take place without prompt, adequate and effective compensation.—Reuter.

SIAM BORDER PRECAUTIONS

Bangkok, February 28. Siam is rushing police armed with the latest weapons and vehicles to its Northern provinces of Chiangrai following reports of a concentration of Musaw tribesmen across the border in Burma. The tribesmen moved into the Shan states bordering on Siam when pursued by Chinese Communist groups. Burmese authorities are said to have flown troops into the area to disarm the tribesmen. The Commissioner of Chiangrai, who came to Bangkok to seek police aid, was promised by the police chief, Luang Chart Trakun Koo, that more police will be sent. He said the military would help if the situation deteriorates. Siam has also moved troops into Aranya Prathet, on the Indo-China border.—Associated Press.

Nurse's testimony

Testimony in the trial, particularly by Miss Elizabeth Rose, registered nurse attending Dr. Sander's patient, Mrs. Borroto, showed that the latter was losing ground rapidly. Her breathing, while it could be detected, was down to seven inhalations per minute. That means she was breathing in air seven times in 60 seconds. Normal respiration is from 18 to 20 times per minute. From 18 to 20 times per minute, Mrs. Borroto was gasping—an abnormal way to get oxygen. Miss Rose testified that Mrs. Borroto was still gasping when the hypodermic needle was stuck into her arm vein.

Her testimony, however, reached a dramatic detour when the defence counsel produced a signed statement by her that she heard one loud gasp before Dr. Sander allegedly injected, by a hypodermic needle, 40 cc of air into her veins. Was that loud gasp the end of life for Abbie Borroto?

In a signed statement to the defence counsel prior to the opening of the trial, Miss Rose was quoted as saying she did not remember exactly when she heard one loud gasp. In her sworn testimony on Monday she said she heard one long gasp just before she noticed the needle was in Mrs. Borroto's vein.

Definition of gasp

In the Medical Dictionary, accepted as official by the medical profession, the word gasp is defined as follows: "To catch for breath. To breathe spasmodically with open mouth."

The definition of normal breathing or respiration, says in part: "The act of breathing with lungs. The taking of air into, and its expulsion from, the lungs. It consists of two acts: Inspiration, or taking in of atmospheric air, and expiration, or expelling of modified air."

From the hospital charts it is obvious that Mrs. Borroto was not breathing normally. From the testimony of Miss Rose, she was gasping.

The question around the courtroom today was whether Mrs. Borroto was in her so-called death rattle. In her testimony, Miss Rose said that one loud gasp was heard after Dr. Sander injected the needle into her emaciated body. In signed statements given before her testimony, she said that the patient was as lifeless after the injection as she was before the injection.

Dr. Sander was quoted today as saying that he should be reprimanded for injecting air into Mrs. Borroto's veins and adding, "I'll never do it again."

Miss Anita Duchane, 19, assistant to the medical records librarian at Hollisborough County Hospital, said she was present when the medical referee, Robert Blon, was questioning Dr. Sander on December 29. Mr. Blon was questioning the doctor about a note in Mrs. Borroto's medical record saying he injected air into her veins, and she died within 10 minutes.—United Press.

Worst quake in 10 years recorded

Pasadena, February 28. An earthquake, described as the most severe at great depth in the last 10 years, was recorded today at California Institute of Technology.

Dr. C. F. Richter of the University's Seismological Laboratory said it apparently centred in the Sea of Okhotsk, North of Hokkaido, and occurred at 10.31 a.m. (GMT) with a second shock at 10.40 a.m. (GMT).

Dr. Richter estimated its depth at about 200 miles below the surface and its magnitude at 7.3/4 on a scale which rates the largest shocks ever registered at 8.3/4.—Associated Press.

SLAVE LABOUR CHARGE

Lake Success, February 28. The American Federation of Labour has accused Russia of using slave workers to produce a large percentage of its industrial output.

Miss Tomi Sander, the Federation's delegate to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, claimed that slave-workers of the MVD (Russian Secret Police) were responsible for three-quarters of the Soviet gold production since 1938.

The Federation has demanded a United Nations investigation on forced labour charges.

Discussing the proposed United Nations Commission of Inquiry on forced labour throughout the world, in which the Soviet Union has refused to participate, Mr. Corley Smith, the British delegate, said:

"In these circumstances the United Kingdom delegation can see little advantage in continuing to debate this question at every session of the Council."

Mr. Willard Thorp, United States, asked that the item be kept off the agenda until the next session, and the Council then unanimously decided to postpone further debate on the subject until its twelfth session, next winter.—Reuter.

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ATTLEE'S NEW GOVERNMENT

"NEW PAGE IN SOVIET HISTORY"

Moscow, February 28.
The newspaper "Red Fleet," organ of the newly-formed Naval Ministry, in its first editorial comment today said that the Government decree of February 26, setting up the new Ministry, opens a new page in history.

"Our Navy will serve as another bright example of Soviet care that the naval forces of our country always respond to the demands and interest of the Soviet State."

The editorial said that never in the history of Russia did the country enjoy such good frontiers but at the same time never were maritime and ocean frontiers so significant and so long.

"The Far East, the Kuriles and the whole of Sakhalin Island serve as a means for the Soviet Union's direct communications with the ocean and national defence line. On the Southern shores of the Baltic our people have firmly planted foot on ancient Slav lands. To the North, ancient Pecheng has been returned to our fatherland."

"To guard these naval shores, a powerful sea watch is necessary, which is the function of the Soviet Navy."

The editorial continued: "Considering the growing role of the Navy and the Soviet Union's security requirements, the Bolshevik Party is devoting much attention to further strengthening and perfecting our Navy. While directing the efforts of the Soviet people in building Communism and securing its gigantic construction against any surprises, the Communist Party always finds forms for managing various endeavours in the great cause occupying our people."

In this connection, the editorial cited the decree organizing a separate Naval Ministry—United Press.

Airliner murder trial

Quebec City, February 28.
The public prosecutor, N. Dorion, today charged that the mechanism of the time-bomb which was used to kill Mrs. Rita Guay and 22 others in an airliner crash on September 1 was made in the workshop of a clockmaker, Genereux Ruest.

Mr. Dorion claimed that the accused wife-slave Albert Guay, contacted Ruest before the murder and had the aging clockmaker prepare the mechanism for the home-made bomb said to have been placed aboard the airliner by Mrs. Marguerite Plé.

Guay, formerly a prosperous jeweller, is charged with the murder of his wife.

The Court placed Ruest under strict police surveillance at the Crown Counsel's request.

A police photographer, Maurice Hebert, told the French-speaking jury that Mrs. Guay was tidily recognizable within out of the passengers after the liner's crash.

Throughout Hebert's evidence, Guay sat impassively, showing no emotion when the photographer told his grisly story. Hebert said he took a photo of Mrs. Guay and many other close-ups of the mangled bodies of victims.—United Press.

GOTTWALD HINT

Prague, February 28.
President Gottwald of Czechoslovakia gave a hint today in his speech to the Executive Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

"In an emergency," he said, "the nations of the Soviet Union will put up the same defence as against aggression by the German and American imperialists."

"So far the Soviet Union has applied atomic energy for peaceful purposes."

"But what would happen in a case of nuclear aggression? This power would then be used to stave off an atomic war."

No startling changes in Labour Cabinet

MR. GRIFFITHS APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR COLONIES

London, February 28.

Three key figures in the Labour Government—Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and Mr. Herbert Morrison, retain their posts in the new Government which the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, announced tonight.

Mr. Bevin remains Foreign Secretary, Sir Stafford Cripps the Chancellorship of the Exchequer while Mr. Herbert Morrison stays as Lord President of the Council.

Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell is promoted from the junior rank of War Minister to become Minister of Defence, Mr. Aneurin Bevan remains as Health Minister, while Mr. James Griffiths replaces as Colonial Secretary Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, who was defeated in the General Election.

Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker becomes Commonwealth Relations Minister in succession to Mr. Philip Noel-Baker who moves to the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

Mr. John Strachey leaves the Food Ministry to become Secretary for War, while Dr. Edith Summerskill, Mr. Strachey's assistant at the Food Ministry in the last Parliament, becomes Minister of National Insurance.

Mr. Hector McNell, Mr. Bevin's former assistant at the Foreign Office and a British delegate at the United Nations, becomes Secretary of State for Scotland.

Mr. Hugh Gaitskill, former Fuel Minister, becomes Minister of State for Economic Affairs to help Sir Stafford Cripps in the gigantic task of steering Britain's finances.

Extra member

The Cabinet has been increased from 17 to 18 members by the inclusion as an extra Minister of the new Ministry of Town and Country Planning. Mr. Hugh Dalton, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer until he resigned after the accidental disclosure of a Budget secret. He becomes fifth in the Cabinet hierarchy, with general responsibilities as a senior Minister.

Mr. Dalton, a leading spokesman of the Campaign for an Operative Movement, formerly Defence Minister, becomes Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in place of Mr. Dalton.

Told post, like that of Mr. Morrison's, is a Cabinet post equivalent to Minister. Without Portfolio.

Sir Frank Soskice, Solicitor-General, is the only one of the eight Ministers defeated at the General Election who retains his office.

New Cabinet Ministers are: Mr. McNell, the new Secretary for Scotland, and Mr. Pairs to Gordon-Walker who not only takes the post of Minister for Commonwealth Relations from his former chief, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, but takes his place in the Cabinet as well.

Mr. Gordon-Walker has hitherto been Mr. Noel-Baker's Parliamentary Secretary.

In taking over Fuel and Power, Mr. Noel-Baker relinquishes his seat in the Cabinet but remains a Minister of Cabinet rank.

Cabinet list

The full Cabinet list is as follows:
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury—Mr. Clement Attlee.
Lord President of the Council—Mr. Herbert Morrison.
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs—Mr. Ernest Bevin.
Chancellor of the Exchequer—Sir Stafford Cripps.
Minister of Town and Country Planning—Mr. Hugh Dalton.
Minister of Fuel and Power—Mr. Philip Noel-Baker.
Minister of National Insurance—Mr. Hector McNell.
Secretary of State for Scotland—Mr. John Strachey.
Minister of State for Economic Affairs—Mr. Hugh Gaitskill.
Minister of State for Colonial Affairs—John Dugdale.
Minister of State—Kenneth Younger.
Paymaster-General—Lord Macdonald of Gwenscor.
Attorney-General—Sir Hartley Shawcross.
Lord Advocate—John Wheatley.
Solicitor-General—Sir Frank Soskice.
Solicitor-General for Scotland—Douglas Johnston.
Former Ministers who do not appear in the new Government are: Mr. Arthur Woodburn (Secretary for Scotland), Mr. Charles Key (Minister of Works), Mr. Wilfred Pelling (Postmaster-General) and Lord Listowel (Minister of State for Colonial Affairs).

Premier Busy

Mr. Attlee today dealt with three pressing problems—the completion of his Cabinet reshuffle, preparing for the first meeting of Parliament tomorrow and directing the drafting of his first speech announcing the session's business which the Cabinet will study on Thursday.

The Government is believed to be ready to fight a national rear-guard action on nationalisation in the House of Commons.

It will, particularly, set out plans for the nation to take over Britain's iron and steel industry—a vital test piece in the fight between Socialism and private ownership.

Home Secretary—Mr. James Chuter Ede.
Minister of Defence—Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell.
Minister of Labour and National Service—Mr. George Alfred Isaacs.
Minister of Health—Mr. Aneurin Bevan.
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries—Mr. Tom Williams.
Minister of Education—Mr. George Tomlinson.
President of the Board of Trade—Mr. James Harold Wilson.
Secretary of State for the Colonies—Mr. James Griffiths.
Secretary of State for Scotland—Mr. Hector McNell.
Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations—Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker.

Observers expect that the issue will be played down on Monday in the King's Speech forecasting the Government's programme for the expected short and possibly only session of this Parliament.

The earliest date at which the Government need set up the board which will subsequently take over the industry is in October. And the transfer of the industry to public ownership can be deferred for a year.

Rumour denied

Government quarters today denied the Stock Exchange rumour that Mr. Attlee and Mr. Churchill are considering an agreement on the future of the iron and steel industry.

Some left wing Labour circles might predict that the chief difficulty of this section of the Party would be to know how to long the Government proposed to try to maintain office with its majority of seven.

It is recognised that tactical considerations might oblige the Government to go for a spell but some left wingers are afraid that terrible damage will be done to Labour's cause if the situation drags on indefinitely.

Liberal leaders met today to discuss the future of the Party and its position in Parliament.

Political observers are already speculating on the fate of the Party in the event of another Election.

Doubt has been expressed as to whether it would again nominate as many as 371 candidates.—Reuter.

PEKING REACTION TO ELECTION

San Francisco, February 28.
Peking Radio tonight made its first reference to the British General Elections.

It said that newspapers in the Communist capital had featured the article by Mr. Harry Pollitt, Secretary of the British Communist Party, in Saturday's "Daily Worker" analysing the results of the Election and "showing the way forward for the British working class."

Prominence was also given to a Tass despatch from London "showing the undemocratic nature of the British electoral machine," the Radio said.—Reuter.

KOREA ARRESTS

Seoul, February 28.
Four Korean newspapermen were arrested by the authorities over the week-end, the police chief, Kim Tai Sub, said today.

They have admitted membership in the South Korean Labour Party which has been outlawed by the Government on the grounds that it is Communist-dominated.—United Press.

Conservatives to hold their fire

London, February 28.
Mr. Winston Churchill today decided to hold his fire until the Labourites show their proposed programme in Parliament next week.

After a two-hour meeting at Mr. Churchill's town home, the Conservative "shadow cabinet" issued the following statement: "The Conservative consultative committee met this evening and reviewed the political situation. It was considered that no statement could be made until the contents of the King's Speech were known."

It is almost certain that the Conservatives debated whether to attempt a quick killing of the Government in the dejectedly poised new Parliament or to prolong its life until mid-summer or early autumn.

Qualified observers indicate that the Conservatives will hesitate to force a Government crisis without some large issue to present to the public. It would not want to risk public annoyance at another big election campaign so soon after the one just ended.

Among Conservative leaders in session with Mr. Churchill were the Chairman, Lord Woolton, the former Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, Lord Salisbury, Mr. Butler, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Harold Macmillan and Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe.—United Press and Associated Press.

RED LEADER ON TAIWAN ATTACK

San Francisco, February 28.
The Commander of Red China's army today asserted that United States and Japanese military personnel in Taiwan taking part in bombing and other military actions.

Peking Radio quoted General Chen as telling Government officials that the Communist Army is training for invasion of Taiwan.

"Invasion day is not far off," he told them.

No American are known to be fighting for the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan. A few Japanese have been recruited in Japan to fight in Taiwan.

General Chen called on the Taiwanese to prepare for the day of invasion and then strike "to deliver Taiwan from the black rule of the Kuomintang brigands and American and Japanese imperialists."

"The Kuomintang gangsters," he continued, "are using war vessels supplied by America to blockade the Chinese coast, using U.S. planes to bomb Chinese cities, and using American and Japanese military personnel sent by the American occupationists (in Japan) to take part in bombing and other military actions."

Most pressing task
"It is perfectly clear that if these remnant brigands are not eliminated, the Chinese people will never be able to live in security and the construction of a new China will be impossible."

"Therefore, the liberation of Taiwan has become the most pressing task of the people."

General Chen admitted that invasion across the 100 miles wide Formosa Strait would be difficult, but said a mighty military force is being prepared.

The broadcast was heard here by the Associated Press.—Associated Press.

SINKIANG MOVES

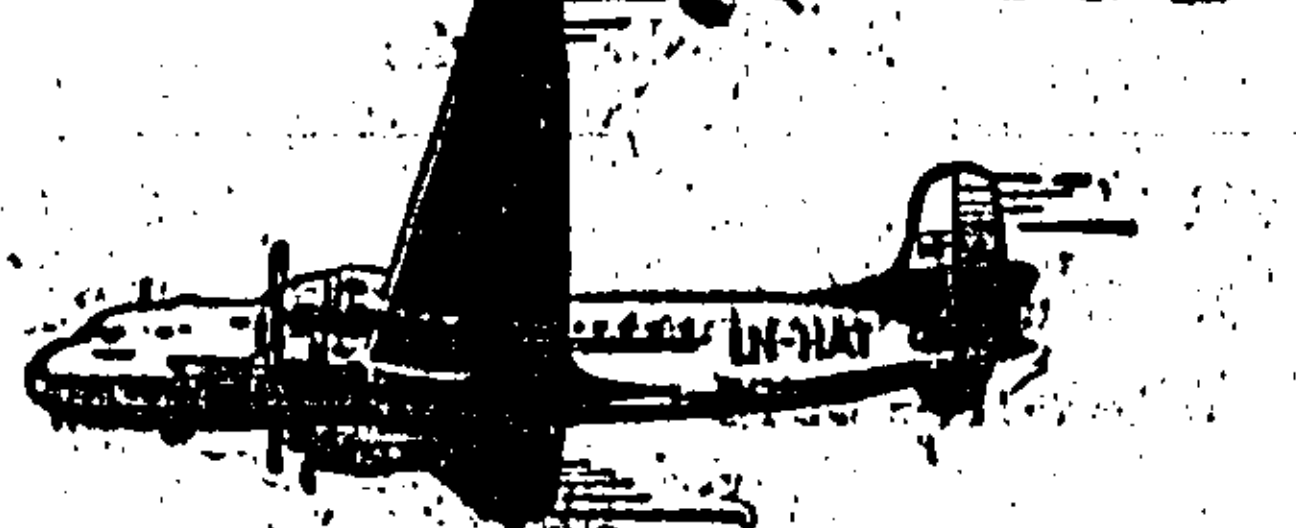
London, February 28.
The Communist New China News Agency reported from Peking tonight that the Sinkiang provincial Army has been incorporated in the Chinese Communist Army and Sinkiang Communist Party.

Sinkiang was one of the areas which the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, charged that the Russians were preparing to take away from Communist China.

Sinkiang, head of the Sinkiang delegation to Moscow and Vice-Chairman of the Sinkiang Government, heading a list of more than 10 leading figures of various nationalities, was admitted to the Chinese Communist Party.—United Press.

Champaign, Illinois.
The University of Illinois today unveiled the world's largest betatron, a 300,000,000-volt machine that will help scientists explore still further into the nuclear world.—United Press.

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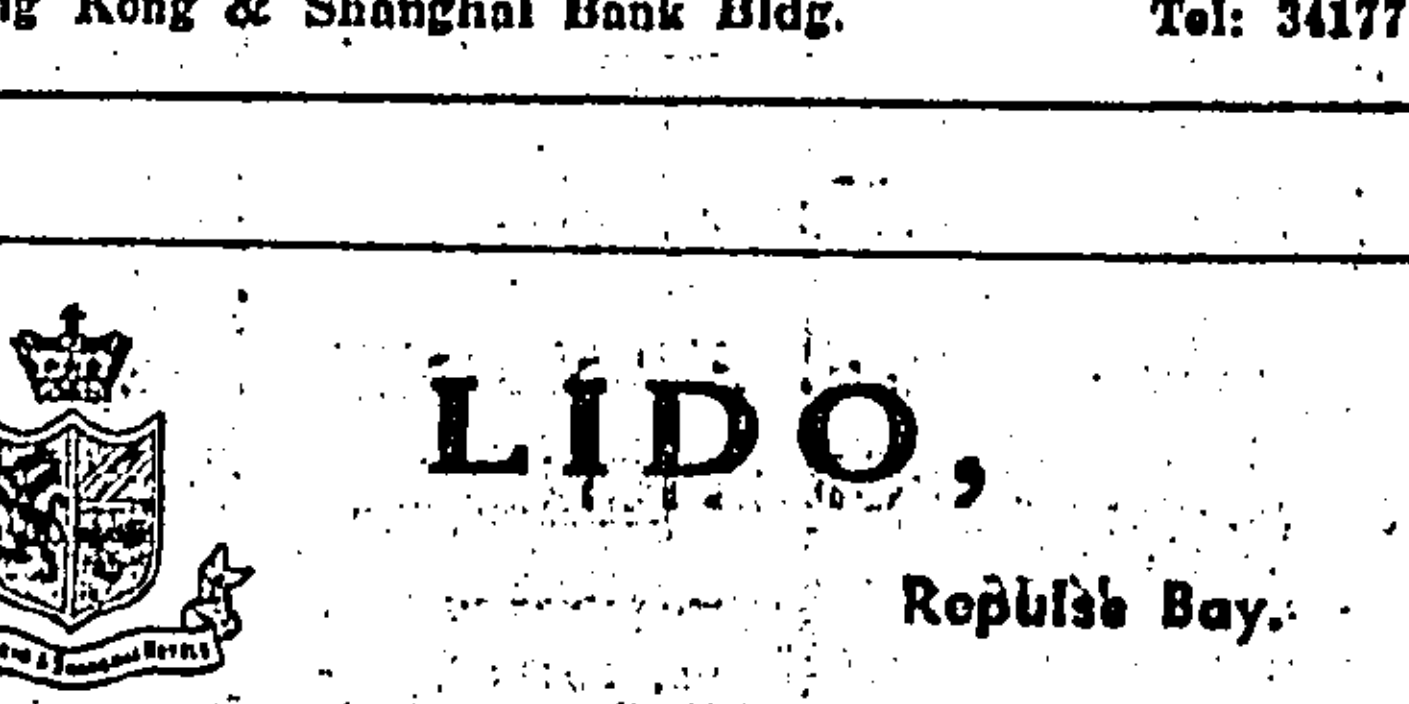
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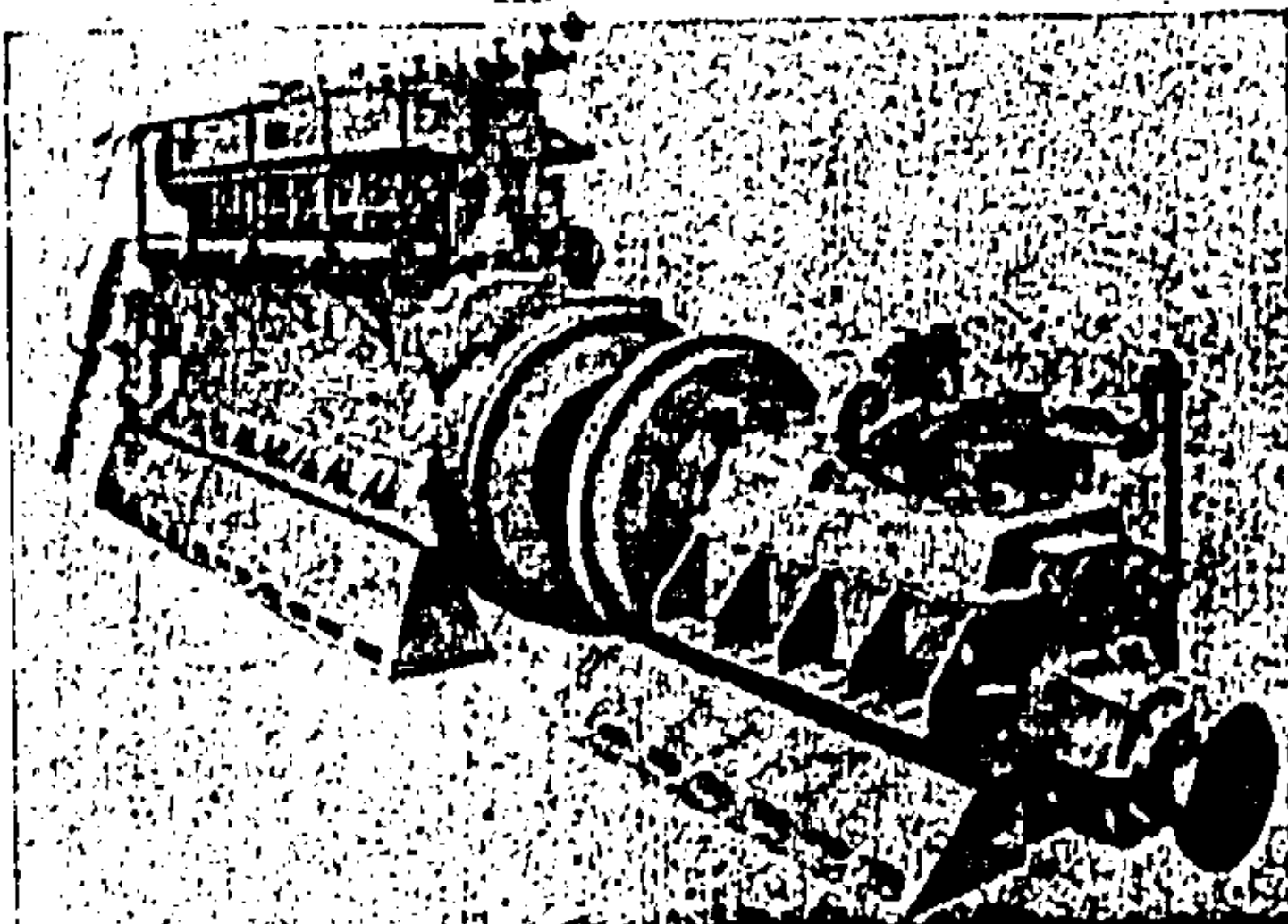
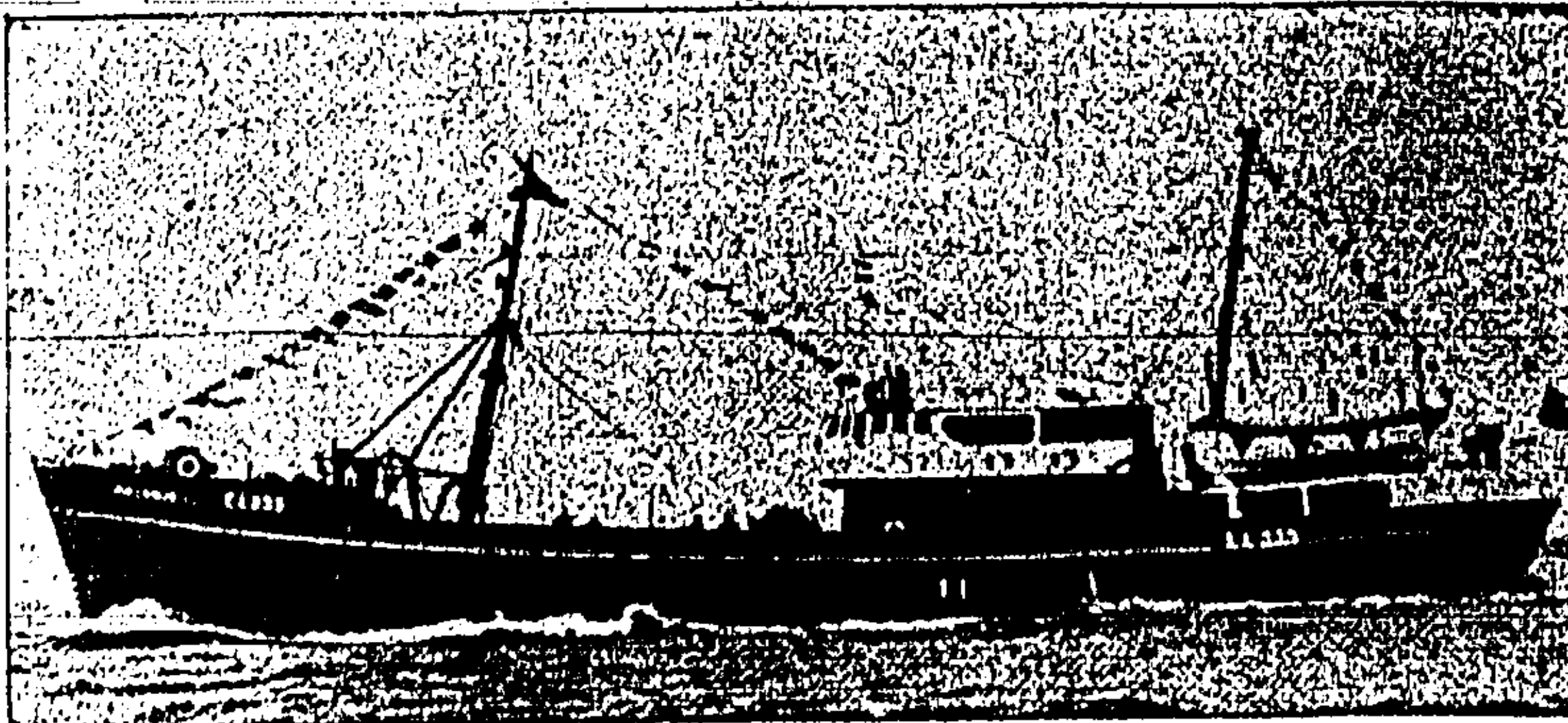
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alloy and an outstanding feature is that all shell and pound boards are of standard size and can be used for shelving and partitions in any required arrangement and so eliminate crushing of bottom layers of fish and ensure that the complete catch is marketable.

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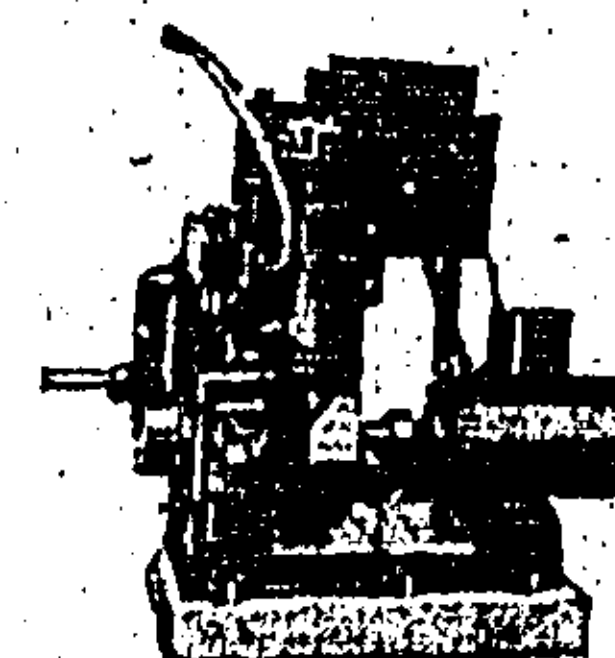
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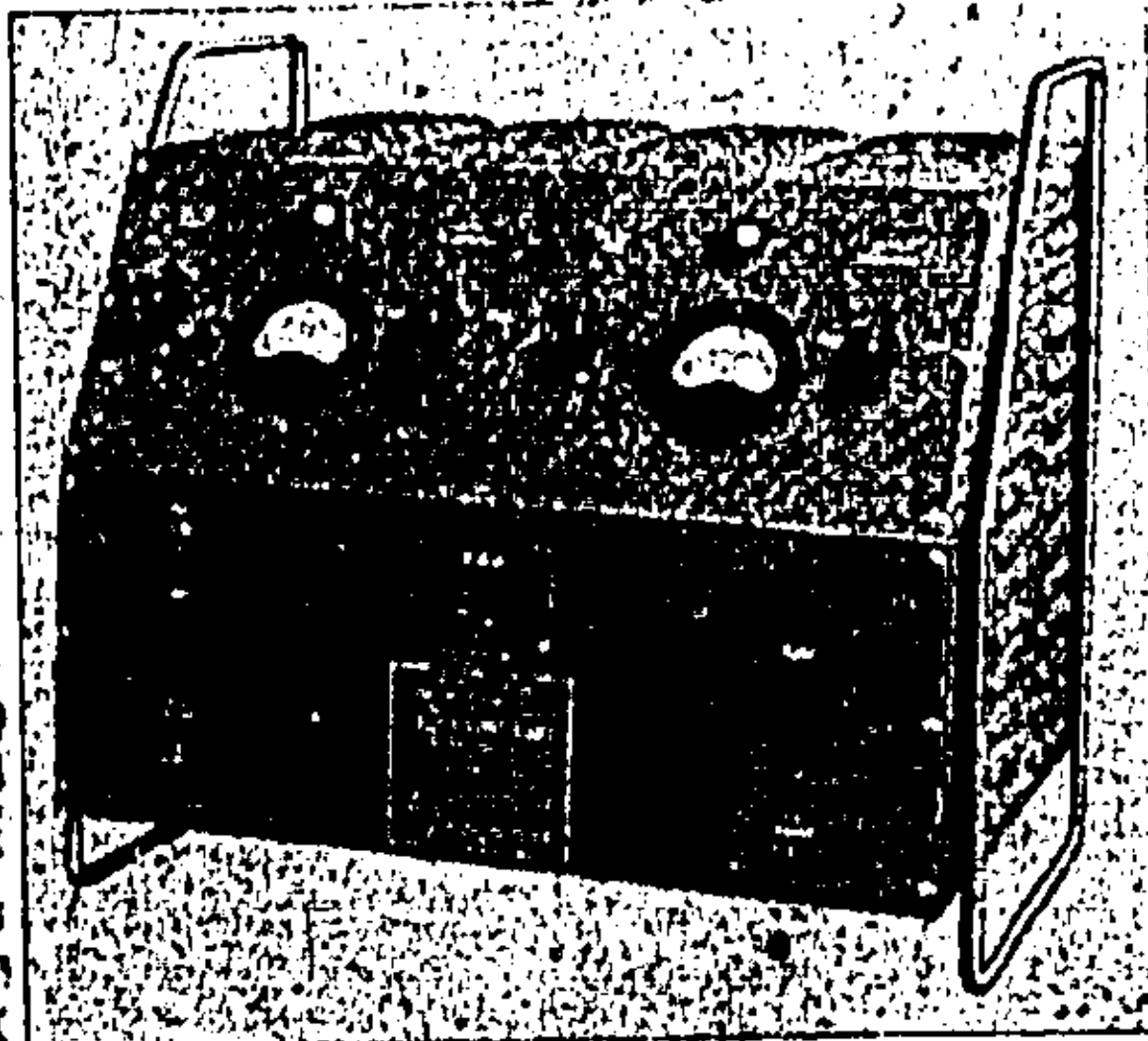
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AN ANGLO-AMERICAN POLICY

The impression is growing that, very slowly and very late in the day, an Anglo-American policy for Asia is coming into being. It is a policy which rises out of the wreck of the West's former policy in China. It is still being shaped, in America principally by Mr. Acheson; and as he labours at it, Mr. Acheson is constantly

COLONIAL REVOLT ALLEGED U.S. AIM

Washington, February 28. A Detroit businessman today quoted a State Department official as saying that President Harry Truman's Point Four programme is aimed ultimately at creating revolt among colonial peoples.

Roy W. Gifford, retired chairman of the Board of Borg-Warner International Corporation, today quoted the statement to Benjamin G. Gifford, Chief of the State Department's Office of Dependence Affairs and Deputy U.S. representative on the UN Trusteeship Council.

"This man," Mr. Gifford told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "said the object of the Point Four programme is to develop the colonial backward areas of the world until they can revolt against their mother countries."

Mr. Gerig was not available here for comment. The State Department said he is attending a UN meeting in Geneva.

Mr. Truman has asked Congress to approve a Point Four project involving governmental technical assistance and private financing to develop the economy of backward world areas. It is part of the drive to check Communism.

Mr. Gifford said Mr. Gerig's remark was made last June at a Foreign Affairs seminar sponsored by the Brookings Institute at Lake Forest College, near Chicago. "I challenged Mr. Gerig's statement at an open session of the seminar," Mr. Gifford testified. "I told him I did not believe that was the State Department's policy. But he stood by his guns and said it was."—Associated Press.

Primate urges pact on bomb

York, March 1. The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, today urged Britain to open hydrogen bomb talks with Russia if the United States could not do so.

He proposed as an alternative—if an agreement could not be reached—a solemn covenant of peace-loving and democratic peoples to use all resources against any nation using these bombs and a declaration that neither singly nor collectively would they ever be the first to use the bomb.

"Agreement or destruction is the choice before us," the Archbishop declared in his Diocese leaflet published today. "It is now uncertain if the human race will be granted many more years for amendment. It is difficult to see how President Truman could have refused to allow the making of this bomb in the United States if Russia is making it."

"Now, while there is time, either an agreement must be reached or, if this fails, means to deter a possible aggressor must be found. If nothing is attempted the human race drifts towards its certain doom."

"Agreement or destruction is the choice before us," the Archbishop added.—Reuter.

RECORD RICE CROP REPORTED

Bangkok, February 28. Record rice yields in Malaya and Southern Siam will make possible the lifting of restrictions on movement of rice from Southern Siam into Malaya by the end of this month, the Commerce Ministry announced.

Several Siam-Southern MP's have petitioned the Commerce Ministry, Major-General Phra Yudhakul, to free the movement of rice. The Siam Government has agreed to free the 2,000,000 tons of rice which have been held in Siam since the end of the war.

Siam is now free to export rice to border areas of Indo-China and Burma.—Associated Press.

under fire from Congress and from all kinds of opposition interests. It cannot yet be taken as certain that this new policy will not be strangled at birth, or transformed. But if it grows to maturity, there should be a new hope for Asia.

By "WINDRUSH"

Mr. Acheson's efforts are watched with anxiety and admiration in London. If his policy prevails, Anglo-American co-operation will present few difficulties. It may be worth while trying to define the principles of the new policy, and then to see how it will work out in concrete detail.

The first thing to notice about the new policy is that it will not be opportunistic. It will be based on clear principle. This is a matter of great importance, for the West can only play a part in the Asia of the future if its policies catch the imagination of the younger generation of the Asian countries. Policies which are purely opportunistic will never attract them.

The new policy proceeds from the renunciation of imperialism by the West. It is vital that it should be understood both in Asia and the West, what this renunciation implies. It means that the Western countries forego any intention of using force to try to influence internal events in Asian countries.

The implications

The implications are very far-reaching. They must be faced. Among these implications are: perhaps especially weighty, if there should be a Communist revolution in any Asian country, the Western powers, having renounced all use of force in internal developments, will not be able to step in and reverse the

revolution. This is true whether the revolution is the result of a genuine popular upsurge or of the seizure of power by an unscrupulous minority.

When the history of our times is written, it may be said that the real test of whether or not the West had abandoned imperialism

came over Taiwan. The demand that America should send military aid to Chiang Kai-shek in Taiwan was in fact a demand that America should intervene by force to check the Communist revolution in China. The fact that this demand was refused showed that America was sincere in its renunciation of imperialism.

But if the Western countries refuse to contemplate any forceful intervention in internal Asian affairs, that does not mean that they will stand passively by while Communism sweeps over Asia. Their plan is to maintain economic and cultural relations with the non-Communist countries of Asia which will, it is hoped, strengthen these governments and reduce the likelihood of their being overtaken by Communist revolution. There is nothing sinister or Machiavellian in a plan of this kind. The West puts all its cards on the table. It believes that, if countries co-operate with goodwill, if capital from the West is made available to the East, and if the technical skill of the West is also put at the disposal of the Asian countries, there can be an economic advance in Asia which will end the age of poverty and frustration. To aid the Eastern Governments to bring their peoples to an entirely new standard of living is the West's reply to Communism.

A question

Young men in Asia, noticing cynically the new interest of the

British troops in control of Asmara

Asmara, February 28.

British troops with walkie-talkie radios are today in control of the African section of Asmara, now quiet after last week's riots.

They wired off the African market area and only admitted women to buy food.

The curfew, which was imposed as a total curfew at the height of the Christian-Muslim rioting, was lifted for the hours of daylight.

Some Coptic shops are reopening, but the streets are still littered with debris from the disorders and looting—rags, empty containers and half-burned doors.

At the second day of the Eritrean Administration inquiry into the riots today, a British police inspector, Mr. A. W. Payne, said that on Tuesday, when a Muslim funeral procession reached the African sector, Eritrean Copts tossed hand-grenades and stones at it. This action made the Muslims aggressive.

He said that 200 Copts came out of their village and on the nearby plain fought with the Muslims, throwing hand grenades.

When the police intervened, the Copts retreated, taking their casualties with them, and promptly obeyed police orders.

The United Nations Commission, which is now studying the future of Eritrea, has visited a number of villages around

Asmara and has heard statements from local supporters of both independence and union with Ethiopia.

It heard several villages' delegations of Unionists, independence supporters and others, who all rejected partition and urged the possibility of a peaceful life between the Muslim and Christian communities and the acceptance of Italian and other communities provided they kept out of politics.

Mr. Tseemma, a prominent independence leader, whose son is a Unionist, claimed that many independence Party members are afraid to give their views because of intimidation by pro-Ethiopian Shifita bands.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON TRAIN

Calcutta, February 28. Armed raiders killed eight people and wounded 17 others when they attacked the Assam mail train near Santahar, East Bengal, today.

An East Pakistan communiqué said that casualties included some Muslims. Armed guards, which normally escort all trains, have been strengthened.—Reuter.

The new axis

London is inclined to postpone judgment about the results of the Sino-Russian negotiations. There general verdict is that they have ended in a notable, but provisional, success for Mao Tse-tung. It is notable because Russia has agreed to surrender its privileges in Manchuria, and

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Russia is not easily persuaded to disgorge privilege. It is provisional because the agreement does not come into force until 1952. (It will become operative earlier if there is a treaty with Japan; but the conclusion of a treaty is in present circumstances not very likely.)

This provisional nature of the agreement is perhaps the most significant thing about it. For it leaves the world still guessing. What the world wants to know is whether, in Asian matters, there is to be a Moscow-Peking axis. If this is to be a continuing feature in international affairs, it requires that at the Peking end there should be a continuing enthusiasm for Russia. It is future event, not the present treaty, which will show whether Russia can keep the loyalty of the Chinese Communists.

Mao Tse-tung and his colleagues are true Communists. They are also true nationalists. London has learned enough about Chinese matters to know that what-rankles in the Chinese mind is the memory of the unequal treaties. A Chinese Government, whatever the political parties out of which it is composed, will struggle to protect China's national interests. Thus the new Chinese Government from the very start of its existence has had two interests—to socialise China, and to reassert China's sovereign rights in the most comprehensive way possible.

In the past, Russia has been the outside power of which China was most afraid. Both Russia and China are land Empires. Traditionally China has been more anxious about the gradual absorption of Chinese territory by Russia than about the aggression from maritime powers. It felt that the attacks from the maritime powers were less serious than the threat from Russia. But the threat from Russia was permanent. Manchuria, Sinkiang, Mongolia, North China, were all threatened.

Too soon for the answer

The Communist leaders, in their speeches, have expressed confidence that, once a truly Communist government was established in China, Russia would rectify what was one-sided in its relations with China. The traditional struggle between these two land Empires would come to an end. Bound together by their common ideology, the two governments would blot out the regrettable past. And indeed, as the result of the present negotiations, the Chinese leaders can perhaps claim that their confidence was justified.

Does this mean that the Sino-Russian axis will now be the centre round which all the politics of Asia will revolve? At the end of the war a very different axis was generally contemplated. The United States hoped for a Washington-Nanking axis. This to have been the centre of Asian reconstruction. It broke, because Nanking broke. Is the axis with China now to be sustained by Russia instead of America? If so, the West has lost the initiative in Asia. A profound change will come over Asian affairs, and indeed over world affairs.

It is too soon to know the answer. Long-term alliances come about as the result of the pressure of national interests. The present negotiations may have smoothed out many of the past political difficulties between China and Russia. The Russians may have gone out of their way to show that they regard the Chinese as honoured allies, not as a puppet government to be ordered about. But do the in-

terests of the two countries coincide enough to make their long-term collaboration likely? London is inclined to dwell on two considerations, the first economic. If China is to be modernised, the Chinese Government must set about very expensive capital works—in transport, irrigation, industry, electric power, perhaps eventually atomic power. From where is the capital for this to come? As the result of the present negotiations, Russia is giving a loan of \$300,000,000, spread over a five-year period. The sum is paltry. It will be swallowed up in the maw of China's huge needs. It contrasts strangely with the sum of \$3,000,000,000 which Great Britain, in spite of all its difficulties, has invested in South Asia in the past two or three years.

Need for capital

Russia, even if it wished to give more substantial aid to Communist China, has not the means to do so. Capital throughout the world is in short supply. Theoretically China should be able to raise capital from its own people by imposing on them forced savings. This was the way in which Russia, with little capital borrowed from abroad, financed its own transportation; and the Chinese leaders have expressed their admiration for this achievement and say that they will take Russia as their model. But low as was the standard of life in Russia, it was not nearly as low as in China. An attempt to impose forced saving on China will result in famine and misery on a terrible scale.

The second consideration on which London is reflecting is the future of Japan. How will Japan develop? There is at least the possibility that it may end by going Communist. In some ways, a Communist Japan might prove a more useful ally to Russia than Communist China. But what if a Moscow-Tokyo alliance should come into being, will it happen to Sino-Russian relations?

The only sensible course for the Western countries is to recognise that the advent of the Communist Government in China is one of the events changing the course of political history. At least in Eastern Asia the initiative rests with Peking. If the West wishes to contribute to the development of affairs in the Far East, it must do so in collaboration with Peking. Between Peking and the West there is a certain coincidence of interest: the West could supply part of the capital so unjustly needed by China. This is a fact in the situation: it is emphatically not a suggestion that the attempt should be made to buy China's friendship, and lure it away from its Russian alliance.

The governing fact in all relations must be that, when the largest view is taken, the interests of the outside world would be served best by growing prosperity in China. As long as China remains economically in its present condition, it is the festering centre of international trouble. Nobody can see events more than a very few weeks or months ahead. But it would be a sound instinct which said that the world as a whole stood to gain from bringing into being a less poverty-stricken and more stable China.

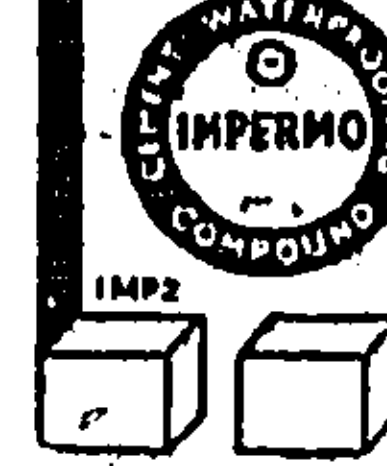
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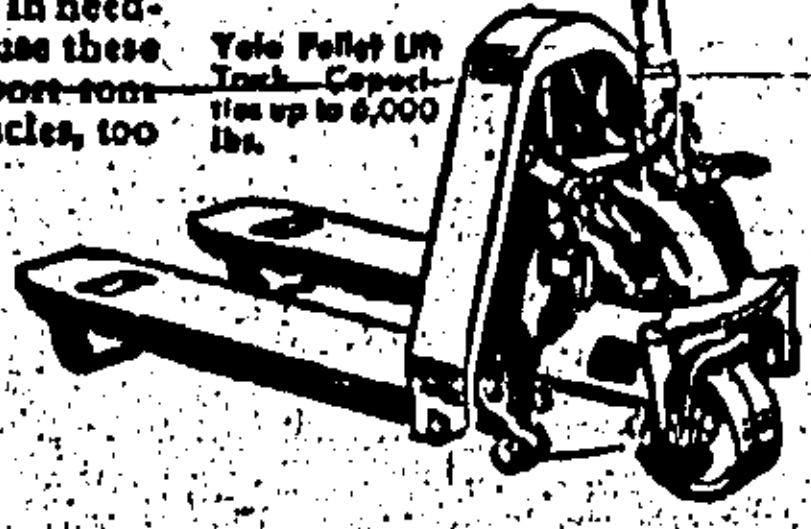
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Kashmir debate resumed in UN

Lake Success, February 28.
The Security Council today resumed the debate
on the Kashmir question.
This month's Council President, Dr. Carlos Blanco,
invited the Pakistani representative, the
Chairman and members of the United Nations
Kashmir Commission, to take seats at the
Council table.

POLITBURO MEMBER

"CRAWLS"

Moscow, February 28.
Andrei Andreyev, member
of the Politburo, today wrote
to "Pravda" admitting the
justice of the party organ's
criticism of his advocacy of a
certain type organisation of
farm labour published on
February 19.

"Pravda's" editorial article then
blamed Andreyev's insistence on
using the "link" system, rather
than the "brigade system."

Now Andreyev writes: "I have
thought much in the course of
the days since the 'Pravda' article
entitled 'Against distortions in
organisation of labour collective
farms,' and must frankly admit
the correctness of the Bolshevik
criticism of my statements on or-
ganisation of labour and links
in wheat producing farms."

Andreyev, Deputy Premier and
Chairman of the Committee on
Collective Farms, admitted his
convictions were mistaken and
explained that he never intend-
ed to substitute link for brigade
but only strongly formulated his
attitude on links which were
misinterpretations.

He said: "Clearly brigade must
be the form of the organisation
of labour collective farms and
all hindrances must be removed
from the brigades and all con-
ditions established for the use of
productivist technique."

"From all this it follows that
the link system in grain cultiva-
tion is inexpedient. I consider
erroneous that in my practical
work on agriculture I did not
critically check, as was necessary,
the results of link work which
could have aided considerably
earlier disbanding of all sorts of
distortions in this matter and rec-
tification of inadequacies in or-
ganisation of collective farm la-
bour."—United Press.

Secret air routes story denied

Auckland, February 28.
New Zealand's Prime Minister,
Sir Walter Nash, today denied
Ministers all denied today any
knowledge of secret air routes
said to have been planned with
the British Overseas Airways
chief, Sir Miles Thomas, should
war break out in South East
Asia.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Sidney
G. Holland, commenting on a re-
ported London statement to the
effect by Sir Miles Thomas yester-
day, stated: "There must be a
misunderstanding somewhere. I
cannot imagine Sir Miles as a
person who draws on his imagination
for public statements."

"I had discussions with him
last week but there was no dis-
cussion whatever on any secret
routes in the case of war. I know
nothing of any secret routes."

The Civil Aviation Minister,
Mr. W. S. Goodman, and the
Defence Minister, Mr. E. L. Mac-
Donald, also denied any such
routes suggested for keeping
Britain's airlines open with New
Zealand and Australia should a
general conflict break out in
South East Asia.

In London today, Sir Miles
Thomas, who returned last night
from a world trip, told Reuter,
"The question of routes was dis-
cussed with airlines officials in
Australia and in New Zealand."

"The correspondent at London
Airport failed to distinguish that
these talks were not specifically
with the Prime Minister and Gov-
ernment officials."—Reuter.

MALAYA PETROL RATIONING

Singapore, February 28.
Legislator C. C. Tan, President
of the Progressive Party, said to-
day that his Party would not op-
pose a British veto of the Mala-
yan proposal to de-ration petrol.
The Malayan Legislative Coun-
cil recently voted unanimously to
approve de-rationing and the
Commissioner-General, Mr. Mal-
colm MacDonald, ordered the
proposal referred to Britain. At
least four members of the Coun-
cil have announced publicly that
they will resign if the proposal
is voted. Mr. Tan said a veto
would be a breach of faith on the
part of Britain.—United Press.

The first speaker in the de-
bate was Dr. Homero La
Fronte, of Ecuador.

Dr. La Fronte said that the
Security Council was performing
a noble function in ensuring
peace and harmony in the world.
International problems, though
sometimes simple in origin, had
a tendency to become compli-
cated and there were instances of
such distress being prolonged for
centuries.

Fortunately, the two sister na-
tions involved in the Kashmir
dispute were both pledged loyal-
ly to seek a solution of the
question in the spirit of the
United Nations Charter.

The fact that the dangers in-
herent in the Kashmir conflict
had not assumed major propor-
tions was due to the co-operative
attitude of the parties concerned.

Although Ecuador was a new
member of the Security Council,
it had carefully studied the
question. "We cannot retreat
our steps. We must go forward
on the lines that the Security
Council has already established."

Stepping stone
Dr. La Fronte referred to the
joint resolution sponsored by
Cuba, the United States, Britain
and Norway and said that it in-
corporated the recommendation
of the United Nations Kashmir
Commission and the basic prin-
ciple of the realistic report fur-
nished by General A. G. L. Mc-
Naughton on his mediation efforts.

"The resolution is a very effi-
cient practical approach for a so-
lution of the Kashmir dispute
and Ecuador fully supports it,"
Dr. La Fronte said.

There might be some small
changes in phraseology which
could be suggested in the text
of the resolution, but these were
not very vital.

The most important fact was
that the resolution was based
on grounds of agreement al-
ready reached and the fur-
ther power proposed could be made
a stepping stone for the even-
tual settlement of the fate of
the people of Kashmir.

One-man job
Dr. La Fronte commended in
particular the proposal that a
single United Nations repre-
sentative should take over the
tasks of the Kashmir Commission.

He said: "One person would be
in a favourable position to take
into consideration all the aspects
of the problem and make sug-
gestions for bringing the parties
together and putting an end to
the dispute."

Dr. Carlos Blanco, the Council
President, speaking as the Cuban
delegate, said that the resolution
of August 13, 1948, and January
5, 1949, represented substantial
areas of agreement, on which the
cease fire line and the cessation
of fighting itself had been
achieved.

The Cuban delegation regret-
ted very much that a further
measure of agreement could not
have been achieved because the
McNaughton proposals have not
been accepted either by India or
by Pakistan as far as demilitari-
zation was concerned.—Reuter.

Entente with Soviet impossible

New York, February 28.
The British philosopher, Lord
Bertrand Russell, said in an
article published here today
that any genuine entente with
the Kremlin is impossible.
But if war can be averted for
a decade, he thinks it will never
take place.

Writing in the unofficial mag-
azine, United Nations World, Lord
Russell said: "I can think of
only one greater disaster than
a new war: the extension of the
Kremlin's power over the whole
world."

The only way, it seems to him,
of averting a war with Russia is
to remain obviously stronger than
Russia and new circumstances
completely change the situation.

The new circumstances that
might have the effect of com-
pletely changing the situation are:
A disrupted succession after
Marshall Stalin's death.
Hitlers might spread.
China would permanently
submit to orders from Moscow.

Disidence might spread within
Russia (it is already very con-
siderable in the Ukraine).
Time might make Russian offi-
cials lazy and inefficient as under
the Czar.
It is almost certain that lack
of freedom for scientists will
within 10 years or so make the
Russian war machine technically
inefficient as compared with that
of the United States.—Reuter.

Russia makes new demands on Finland

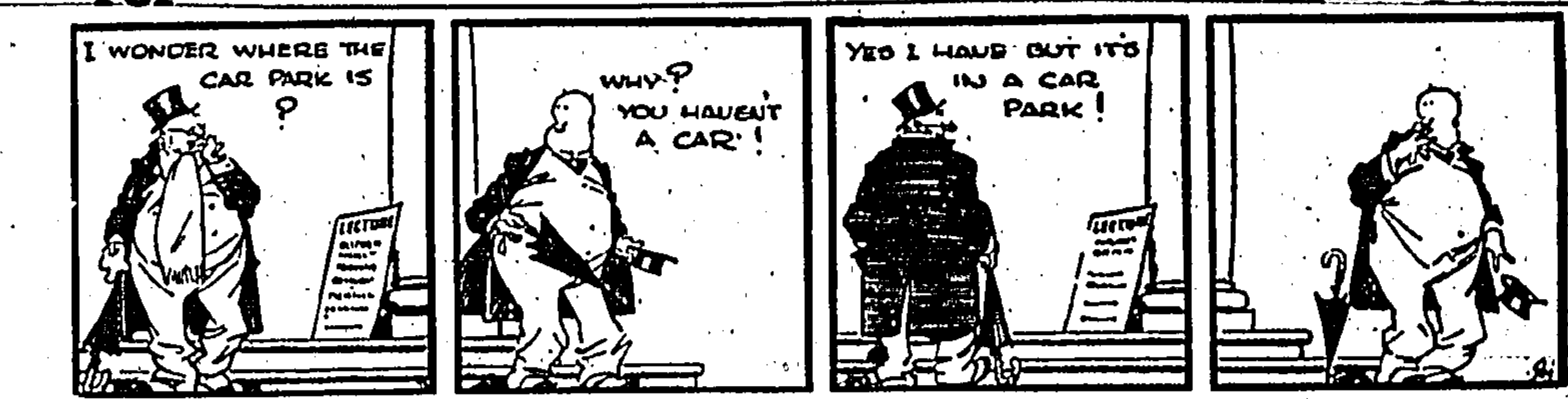
Helsinki, February 28.
Russia made new demands
today for the extradition of
Soviet war criminals from
Finland. The Foreign Office
here confirmed tonight that a
new note in this sense was
handed to Finland's Minister
in Moscow, Mr. Cay Sund-
strom, this afternoon.
Translators are tonight
working on the note for it to
be discussed by Finland's So-
cial Democratic Government,
due to resign tomorrow when
President Paasikivi starts his
new term of office.
The Foreign Office refused
all comment on the note.—
Reuter.

ESCAPED LEOPARD DIES IN ZOO

Oklahoma City, February 28.
The leopard from India that
leaped out of an 18-foot pit at the
Oklahoma City Zoo on Saturday
died in his cage today about 15
hours after he was captured in a
concentrated hunt.

The animal returned to the Zoo
early this morning and ate two
drugged pieces of meat which had
been placed out for bait. In a
dazed condition the animal was
caged. The leopard had been
drowsy throughout the day. Only
30 minutes before it died, a
veterinarian reported its respira-
tion good.—Associated Press.

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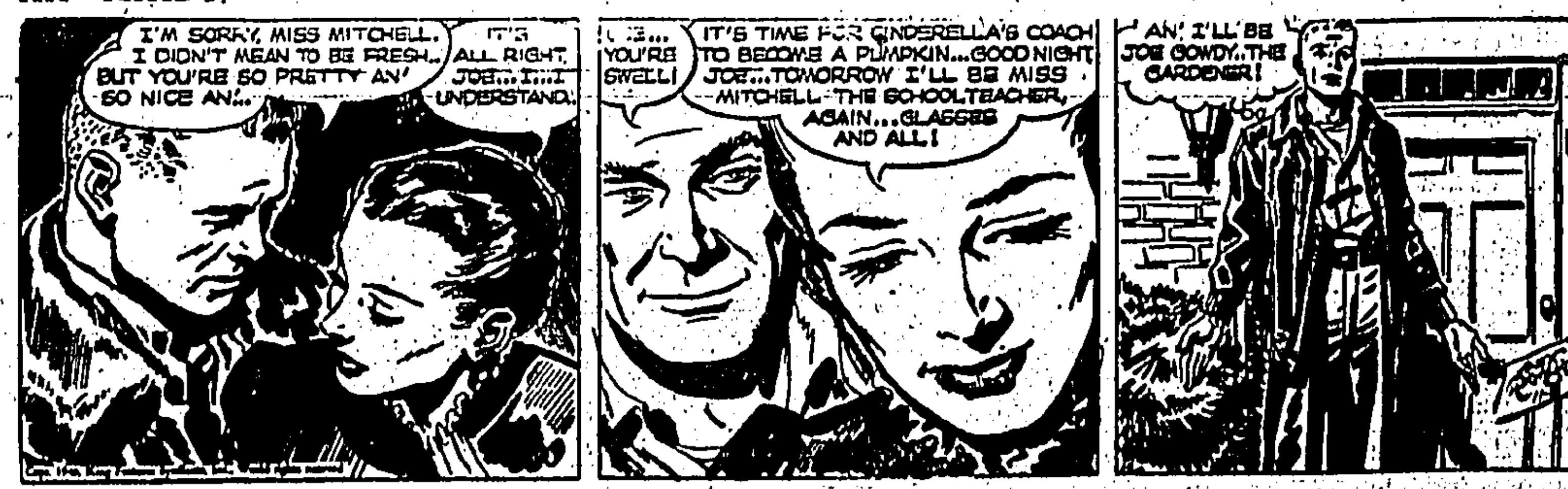
MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



RIP KIRBY

By ALEX RAYMOND



JOHNNY HAZARD

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THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA

Bangkok, February 28.
Thailand today officially an-
nounced that it has recognised
three Indo-Chinese states—the
Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodian
Governments—with which "His
Majesty's Government" wishes to
establish formal relations.

The announcement said three
identical notes were sent by the
Premier, Phibun Songgram, to
the Premiers and Foreign Minis-
ters of the three States. The notes
did not use the term French
Union as did the British and
American notes of recognition.

A high official source com-
mented that Thailand had gone a
step further than France, which gave
them independence within the
French Union.

Meanwhile, Premier Phibun to-
night accepted the resignation of
his Foreign Minister, who was
against immediate recognition.

The announcement was follow-
ed by a communique which
warned of the danger that was
"creeping beyond the borders of
China and reaching nearer home"
and called on the people to co-
operate in fighting Communism.—
United Press.

He said democratic statesmen
realised that China's fall was
only a prelude to the further
onward swing of Communism in
Asia.

Dr. Rhee said: "The free world
must stand together against Com-
munist imperialism everywhere
or else fall everywhere into the
terror of totalitarian rule."

Referring to "the enslaved mil-
lions of our countrymen who
must still bow to the yoke of the
conqueror North of the Thirty-
Eighth Parallel," Dr. Rhee said:
"We shall respond to the cries of
our brothers in distress."

Observers in Seoul expressed
the opinion that Dr. Rhee had
gained confidence from his re-
cent talks with General Douglas
MacArthur, the Supreme Allied
Commander in Japan, in Tokyo.

His speech today was consid-
ered his strongest and most-pointed
outburst since American troops
withdrew in June last year.—
Reuter.

SINGAPORE, JAVA PORTS and MACASSAR	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TUTIALANGKA"	9th Mar.	9th Mar.
"VAN HEUTZ"	10th Mar.	10th Mar.
"TUBADANE"	20th Mar.	20th Mar.

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MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"BOISSEVAIN"	17th Mar.	3rd Apr.
"STRAAT GOENDA"	15th Apr.	4th May

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JAPAN	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"JIPONDOK"	5th Mar.	10th Mar.
"BERLADE"	14th Mar.	10th Mar.
"BOISSEVAIN"	1st Apr.	10th Mar.
"STRAAT GOENDA"	17th Apr.	2nd May

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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A quiet morning, rates showing no change, but the market was active. The Directors of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation have announced a dividend of 25 per cent share free of tax and a bonus of one share for every two held.

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Frankfurt, February 28.
Communist China is to get some steel rails from West Germany after all, authoritative sources said today.

These informants said that the Allied High Commission, which turned down a Peking order for 100,000 tons of rails from German steel mills last autumn, has approved an order for 15,000 tons of rails, plus some additional parts.

It is a US\$7,000,000 contract. Mac Tse-tung's Communist Government is to pay in dollars. The U.S. High Commissioner, John J. McCloy, confirmed the approval at a conference. He did not know the exact amount of rails involved.

Asked if further such orders from China will be approved, he replied, "I can't say."

Of the three nations represented on the High Commission, only Britain has recognized Communist China. She has a US\$1,000,000,000 stake in Chinese business, including transport and mining.

The U.S. and France maintain relations with the Nationalists of Chiang Kai-shek.

Answer to Reds

The German Press has accused the Reds of stealing the 100,000-ton rail order after the High Commission rejected it. The British Foreign Office officially denied this.

The original rejection was based on the ground that steel rails are strategic materials. West German companies are forbidden to ship strategic materials to Communist countries without Western approval.

Soviet zone newspapers have made editorial capital of the case, contending it proved that "Anglo-American monopoly capitalists" intend to restrict West Germany's trade and keep her as an economic colony.

High Commission's approval of the new order was designed largely as an answer to the Communist attack. The Germans were told they should not consider the approval as setting a precedent.

The order is to be filled by the Shanghai and Son of Duisburg and Kockner.

Future policy

Officials here said three factors will govern future policy on West German steel shipments to China:

1—Security. Steel will increase the industrial potential of China and thus her war-making capacity.

2—Other sources. The Chinese can buy steel from Britain or Japan, so why should the Germans be forbidden to sell to them?

3—The ability of China to pay. There is no West German-Chinese trade agreement, so the Peking regime cannot pay for steel with other goods. And can China continue to pay in dollars? Associated Press.

Consolidated Rubber 1 1/2.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, February 28.

Stock traders refused again today to get excited because of the coal strike. The price level tilted a bit to the minus side but declines were limited mainly to fractions, only a few issues losing a point or more. Traders were 1,310,000. Among gainers were Texas Company, Magnavox, U.S. Gypsum, Lower were Republic Steel, General Motors, U.S. Rubber and Kennecott Copper.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 73.70; 20 Industrials 203.44; 15 Rails 55.34; 10 Utilities 42.81.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 2 1/4

Alaska Juneau 3

American Can 110 1/4

Smelting 83 1/2

Telephone 150 1/4

Tobacco 73 1/4

Waterworks 0 1/4

Anheuser-Busch 29 1/4

Aviation Corp. 6 1/4

Baldwin Locomotive 12 1/4

Barnes 47 1/4

Beck's Aviation 4 1/4

Boeing Aircraft 27 1/4

Borden Co. 51 1/4

Canadian Pacific 15

J. I. Case 44 1/4

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Du Pont 62 1/4

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Goodyear 48 1/4

Homestead Mining 45 1/4

International Harvester 29 1/4

Paper 30 1/4

Tel. & Tel. 12 1/4

Johns-Manville 45 1/4

Kennecott Copper 53 1/4

Montgomery Ward 58

National Distillers 22 1/4

Lead 37 1/4

New York Central 13 1/4

Packard Motors 3 1/4

Pan American Airways 10 1/4

Pennsylvania RR 17 1/4

Radio Corp. 14 1/4

Remington-Rand 14 1/4

Republic Steel 20 1/4

Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/4

Schenley 81 1/4

Sealed Air 43 1/4

Shell Oil 35 1/4

Socoma Vacuum 10 1/4

Southern Pacific 52 1/4

Standard Brands 22 1/4

Oil of Calif. 02

Oil of N. J. 07 1/4

Slidebaker 27 1/4

Union Bag 28 1/4

Rouble placed on gold basis

London, February 28.

Russia today revalued the rouble against sterling and the United States dollar, placing it on a gold basis.

—and cut the prices of food, tobacco, liquor and clothes by 10 to 40 per cent, Moscow Radio announced.

The price of bread is cut by 25 per cent, meat 24 to 28 per cent.

The new rate is four roubles to the American dollar, against 5.30 and 11.20 roubles to the Pound Sterling, against 14.84 at the old rate.

The announcement said that the reductions in the prices of food and consumer goods would take effect from March 1—Reuter.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$50.50 and dropped to \$5.43 1/2 at the close.

TT opened at HK\$50.52, went up half a cent and closed at \$5.50 1/2.

Sterling was unchanged at HK\$23.10.

Australian pounds were stationary at HK\$13.30.

Plastics were marked down to HK\$14 a 100 nominal.

Tin went back to HK\$28.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders were stationary at HK\$25.50 a 100.

NY RUBBER

New York, February 28.

Crude rubber, No. 1, futures closed 13 lower to four higher today with sales of eight contracts.

March 10.22 bid

July 18.77

September 18.64

December 18.15

Spot No. 1 ribbed, smoked sheets 12 1/2 nominal—Associated Press.

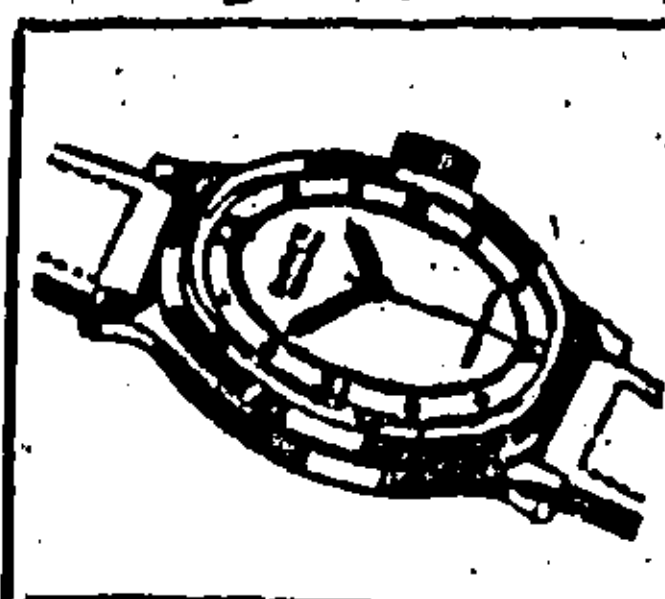
LONDON STOCKS

London, February 28.

Gold shares, a favorite favorite for hedge against further inflation, were firm today. Other sections of the market were dull.

British Government bonds drifted 1/4 of a pound lower per bond of £100 par.

Industrials, and commodities showed little change.



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EXCITING MATCHES MARK BADMINTON PROGRAMME

(By "ARGONAUT")

The Kowloon Cricket Club, the Club de Recreio and the Chinese YMCA were last night the venues of three keenly contested programmes of badminton.

At the Club de Recreio, University Juniors staged an almost unbelievable recovery in the Men's Junior Division Sectional final when they eliminated Chung Wah to enter the Division Final.

The undergraduates were trailing behind by one set to three at the opening stages. Inspired play by them then brought them five sets in a row to give them the right of meeting the winners of the other Sectional final in the Junior Division Final.

S. F. Lam and S. K. Cheong for the University were in brilliant form, eliminating three sets, though one was a walkover.

Across the harbour at the Chinese YMCA, the Y's produced another upset when they avenged their previous defeat inflicted on them by the unbeaten St. Teresa's Juniors. Mixed Doubles saw the Y's even did one better by beating their rivals by six sets to three.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chung and Mrs. H. P. Lam, and M. T. Lam went the credit of leading their team to a well-earned victory. Each pair obtained their full quota of three sets.

As a result of this setback St. Teresa are now on equal terms with the Y in points, and if both teams should win their remaining matches a final replay will be necessary to decide the champions in this Division.

Exciting matches

Because of the interest centred on these two sets of games, the Championship matches at the K.C. did not attract the usual big gathering. In spite of this, two of the most exciting matches seen yet in this season kept those who were present on their toes for the greater part of their duration.

VRC's F. M. Hazzard and B. Brown produced the third major upset of the season when they eliminated the seeded pair C. M. Quinn and A. J. Remedios in one of these two matches. As the score of 15-6, 8-15, and 17-10 indicated, a thrilling finish gave a fitting climax to a grand and well-fought out game.

In the other game, Rocha and L. Gutierrez also of VRC were unfortunate to lose to Recreio's Nery and A. Remedios by the slender margin of one point, and the winning point came from a doubtful "swung" shot.

The Colony's Ladies' Doubles champions, Miss Margaret Xavier and Mrs. H. F. Goncalves after a slow start soon got into their stride in their match against Mrs. M. Chow and Mrs. L. Benjamin. After that there was no stopping them to their two straight-set win.

Bill Funk, former Shanghai champion proved too experienced in courtcraft and tactics for game S. K. Howe in the Senior Singles event. Howe had to bow out with a score of 9-15 and 5-15.

Championship results
Singles: A. Sales beat Yue Kuei-kee, 15-3, 15-8; B. Savoy beat Frankie Xavier, 15-6, 15-6; P. McKee beat Yau Tui-yot, 15-12, 15-6.

Junior Men's Doubles: A. A. Remedios and A. L. Nery beat Rocha and L. Gutierrez, 14-17, 15-7, 17-10; F. M. Hazzard and B. Brown beat C. M. Quinn and A. J. Remedios, 15-6, 8-15, 17-10.

Junior—Men's Singles: H. J. Xavier beat M. Sargent, 15-4, 15-2.
Ladies' Doubles: Miss Margaret Xavier and Mrs. H. F. Goncalves beat Mrs. M. Chow and Mrs. L. Benjamin, 15-6, 15-6.

Senior—Men's Singles: Bill Funk beat S. K. Howe, 15-9, 15-3.

Junior Mixed Doubles
League
Chinese YMCA v St. Teresa 3
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chung (Chinese YMCA) beat D. Brown and Mrs. J. A. Soares 21-10, beat A. J. Goncalves and Miss G. Silva 21-10, beat J. A. Soares and Miss T. Remedios 24-23.

M. T. Lam and Miss H. P. Lam (Chinese YMCA) beat Brown and Mrs. Soares, 21-7, beat Goncalves and Miss Silva 21-11, beat Soares and Miss Remedios 21-14.

M. Fung and Mrs. W. K. Tse (Chinese YMCA) lost to Brown and Mrs. Soares 7-21, lost to Goncalves and Miss Silva 11-21.

Junior Men's Division
SECTIONAL FINAL
University v Chung Wah 3
G. T. Hooi and K. C. Ow (University) lost to K. C. Wong and C. Y. Tse 2-21, lost to S. P. Chan and C. F. Chiu 12-21, lost to A. Ho and K. F. Chiu 21-10.

N. Williams and K. K. Lo (University) beat Chung Wah 21-14, 21-10, 21-10, beat Chiu 14-21, beat Ho and Chiu 21-11.

Tonight's games

At King George V School
7.00 p.m. Schoolboys' Singles: Y. Khan v J. da Luz.
7.30 p.m. Schoolboys' Singles: J. Paneroy Jr. v A. A. Dos Remedios.

8.00 p.m. Schoolboys' Singles: Wong Cheong-ye v Edward C. Y. Hsi.
8.30 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles: R. M. Soares and Miss B. Remedios v J. Koo and Miss M. Yin.

9.00 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles: C. Lam and B. Saw v H. F. Tai and B. K. L. Lui.
9.30 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles: H. J. Xavier and Mrs. A. M. Campos v A. L. Nery and Miss R. Marques.

10.00 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles: Robert Tay and Miss M. Ribeiro v S. Saul and Mrs. A. Tibworth.

RAPC CRICKET MATCH

The Officers of the RAPC beat the Other Ranks in a friendly cricket game yesterday.

The Officers scored 148 all out in the Other Ranks with 37 while Lieutenant Bartlett led the Officers with 34.

Bowling honours went to Lieutenant Bartlett who took six wickets for 26 runs.

CLUB 1st XI FOR TODAY

The First Division League soccer match between Club and RAF which was originally fixed for Saturday, March 4, will now be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 5 p.m. today.

The Club XI will be selected from the following:
Ten: L. Strange, Brown, Barber, Robert Baker, K. A. Bickford, Baker, K. A. Barker, Newman, Urquhart, Widger, Fowler, Barclay, Hurrell.

Softball:
The First Division League soccer match between Club and RAF which was originally fixed for Saturday, March 4, will now be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 5 p.m. today.

The Club XI will be selected from the following:
Ten: L. Strange, Brown, Barber, Robert Baker, K. A. Bickford, Baker, K. A. Barker, Newman, Urquhart, Widger, Fowler, Barclay, Hurrell.

Upsets cause havoc with averages
(By "GRANDSTAND")

With the Softball Leagues drawing to a close, pennant fever increases this week as the Jaguars take on the Americans in the Men's Senior play-off series, while Wahooks tangle with Wildcats.

St. Joseph's and Madcaps complete their fixtures as the former meet Overseas and the latter Cumbanchero outfit.

Last week's junior league upsets created havoc with the averages of the leaders, Braves Eddie Remedios and Eddie Loureiro going hitless, while Hennie Sequiera of the Madcaps improved a few points on his figure.

A General Council meeting has been fixed for this evening at 8 p.m. to discuss the Midget and Inter-Hong League, entries for which close today.

Men's Senior League
Sunday: CBA Ground, 12 noon, Americans v Jaguars (play-off).
Recreio Football Ground: 10.30 a.m., St. Joseph's v Overseas.

Men's Junior League
Saturday: CBA Ground, 2 p.m., Griffins v Overseas.
Recreio Football Ground: 3.30 p.m., Braves v Pandas.

Ladies' Junior League
Saturday: CBA Ground, 3.30 p.m., Pirates v Canadians.
Sunday: CBA Ground, 1.30 p.m., Wildcats v Wahooks.

Ladies' Senior League
Saturday: CBA Ground, 10.30 a.m., Griffins v White Wings.
Sunday: CBA Ground, 9 a.m., Blackhawks v Braves.

Men's Senior League
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Recreio Football Ground: 3.30 p.m., Braves v Pandas.

Week-end sports teams

The following are sports teams for the week-end:

CRICKET

Club de Recreio 2nd XI against Royal Air Force at King's Park at 1.45 p.m. on Saturday, March 4.

A. E. Noronha (Captain), A. J. Prata, D. E. Remedios, F. Correa, R. A. d'A. Remedios, A. A. Remedios, E. J. Noronha, L. E. Gutierrez, C. A. Yvanovich, E. d'A. Remedios and D. M. Rodrigues.

Royal Army Service Corps against Preliminary at Diocesan Boys' School, Argyle Street, Kowloon, on Saturday, March 4, at 1.45 p.m.

Capt. A. K. Paulger (Captain) (HQF), Major J. Hawking (ST Branch), Capt. P. L. Tappley (2nd Coy.) S/Sgt. Hainsworth (Army Fire Brigade), S/GMS Cox (DID Victoria), Sgt Brooks (8 Coy), Sgt Harold (Army Fire Brigade), Sgt Hesling (27 Coy), Pte Wardle (27 Coy), L/Cpl Tyrell (8 Coy) (ATT 27 Coy).

Twelfth Man: Cpl Powell (DID Victoria).
Umpire: Sgt Kelly (27 Coy).
Scorer: Sgt Edgley (27 Coy).

Indian Recreation Club against M.J. Divecha's XI in an all-day match at Sookunpoo on Sunday, March 5, commencing at 11 a.m. sharp.

S.A. Ismail, (Captain), A. R. Abbas, I. Ali, F. M. el Arculi, A. H. Bakar, A. R. Kitchell, A. R. Minu, M. U. Mohideen, I. M. Omar, M. A. Razack and Arthur A. R. Rumliah. Umpire: Mr. G. M. Butt; Scorer: Mr. U. A. Rumliah.

M. J. Divecha's XI against Indian Recreation Club in an all-day match at Sookunpoo on Sunday, March 5, commencing at 11 a.m. sharp.

M. J. Divecha (Capt), F. R. Kermani, P. R. Razi, P. J. Billimoria, J. Franco, A. B. Tatin, H. Karanjia, G. Souza, K. M. Rumliah, J. Lerio and A. H. Ismail. Umpire: P. B. Tata.

Kowloon Cricket Club 1st XI against Army at Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, March 4, at 1.45 p.m.

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SOCCER

Club 2nd XI against Royal Air Force on the Club ground start 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 4.

Catton, Leck, Duncan, Maldens, Omsager, K. A. Baker, McKay Johnson, Hurrell, Taylor, Waller, Gledhill, K. B. Baker, Gledings, and McDonald.

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400 metres, Senior, Inter-House Sprint Relay (100x4), Ko Fook-sun Challenge Cup: 1. Blue House; 2. Green House; 3. Red House; 4. White House; 5.5.2 seconds.

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Wah Yan College annual sports meet

Chalking up 22 points, Young Kam-yin won the Senior Championship Challenge Cup, donated by A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., at the Wah Yan College, Kowloon, Eighth Annual Athletic Sports Meet held at King's Park yesterday.

Wan Shiu-hei with 32 points, won the Junior Championship, while Chai Yung-ki, with 24 points, won the Midget Championship.

The Wing Nam Challenge Shield was won by Green House with 288 points. The runners-up for the Shield were Blue House, with 270 points.

On conclusion of the Meet, prizes were distributed to the successful contestants by Mrs. Asjoe, wife of Dr. S. Ho Asjoe.

100 metres, Senior, Fung Keung Challenge Cup: 1. Ho Wai-yin (Blue House); 2. Young Kam-yin (Red House); 12.30 seconds.

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Shot Put, Senior, Messrs. Windsor's Challenge Cup: 1. Ching Yee-ho (Blue); 2. Lee Kwok-wai (White House); 15 seconds.

100 metres, Midget, Continental Rubber Factory Challenge Cup: 1. Chiu Yuen-ki (Red); 2. Lau Sek-fat (White); 15 seconds.

800 metres, Junior, A.S. Watson Challenge Cup: 1. Man Shiu-hung (Green); 2. Lai Yiu-kuen (Green); 2.32 minutes.

Shot Put, Midget: 1. Chan Ka-ling (White); 2. Ip Tung-chun (Blue); 21 feet 1 inch.

800 metres, Senior, San Miguel Brewery Challenge Cup: 1. Chiu Yuen-ki (Red); 2. Mak Kan-hoi (Blue); 2.37 minutes.

Shot Put, Junior: 1. Yim Kwok-kit (Green); 2. Wong Chiu-wai (Green); 30 feet 7 inches.

200 metres, Midget, Old Boys' Challenge Statuette: 1. Tai Chiu-yin (Red); 2. Chai Yung-ki (Blue); 31.3 seconds.

Three-Legged Race, Junior: 1. Lam Wing-hong and Leung Man-sun (Green); 2. Yim Kwok-kit and Hsu Shao-chu (Red); 200 metres, Senior: 1. Young Kam-yin (Red); 2. Sit Kwok-kit (Green); 20.2 seconds.

400 metres, Junior, Ng Yee Hing Weaving Factory Challenge Cup: 1. Wan Shiu-hoi (Green); 2. Lam Wing-hong (Green); 1.2 minutes.

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Home soccer:

Sixth round Cup games overshadow League battles

(By "ALBION")

No withdrawals from World Cup Tournament

Paris, February 28. The World Soccer Cup Tournament will be played in Rio de Janeiro this year in spite of difficulties, according to the son of the donor of the Cup, M. Jules Rimet, Chairman of the Federation of International Football Associations.

M. Rimet, speaking for his father, who is ill in bed, told Reuters that there was a little difficulty concerning the transfer of currencies.

He added that the Rio organizers had offered to take over the responsibility of arranging matters.

The FIFA has also received a guarantee that the special stadium at Rio would be reserved exclusively and remain at the disposal of the FIFA during the period of the Cup, according to M. Rimet.

With the exception of Scotland, whose participation is still uncertain, no withdrawals from the countries concerned had yet been received, M. Rimet said.

It will only be at the end of April, when the various national teams proceed to Brazil, that any withdrawals will be known, he added.

Any vacancies occurring will be filled by invitation or by other eliminating competition between the teams who had failed to qualify from the earlier rounds.—Reuters.

Wong Peng-soon will win All-England badminton title

(By ROBERT C. DOWSON)

London, February 28.

All people who know the game are convinced that Malaysia's Wong Peng-soon will win the All-England badminton championship at Empress Hall, Earl's Court. All people except Wong Peng-soon.

The diminutive Malaysian kingpin of badminton players shrugged his small but powerful shoulders, spread his lips in a wide grin, and said: "Oh, I don't know if I can win the title. There will be other good players in the tournament too."

This modest Singapore sports goods salesman, generally regarded as the current number one player of the world, added: "I can only say I feel fit and will do my best to capture the championship."

The 32-year-old star, the assured United Press he recently celebrated his thirty-second birthday anniversary although the official programme says he is only 31, has now recovered from the effects of his long flight to England.

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Soccer enthusiasts back in England will be eyeing the Quarter Finals of the Football Association Cup with great interest on Saturday. Let's have a look at the set up.

First on the fixture list is the Chelsea-Manchester United match, which will be played at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea have quite a respectable league record and cannot be disregarded as a possible Wembley finalist team.

On the other hand, the United are still playing very consistently and have in the past found Stamford Bridge much to their liking, having lost only once there since 1938 when the score was four-two in favour of the Pensioners.

To me it looks a pretty good bet for an away win.

The clash on the former's ground would seem to be the tit bit of this round.

Both teams are doing extremely well in the league and have progressed fairly easily through the previous Cup rounds.

Who is it to be? I favour the Seagulls although it may mean a replay for the right to enter the semi-final.

Yes, a draw seems a fair summing up as to the result of this particular game.

An Arsenal Cup year
Arsenal should overcome Leeds United, who are the visitors to Highbury this week and perhaps make it one step further in realising an ambition, that of an Arsenal Cup year!

Derby County and Everton are the other contestants for the coveted trophy and it looks an odds-on thing that the County will carry the day.

So, to sum up the sixth round of the F. A. Cup, I think the ultimate semi-finalists will be Manchester United, Blackpool, Arsenal and Derby County, a formidable looking quartet.

With the above teams participating in the Cup it leaves only five games down for decision in League 1.

Birmingham, now well and truly at the bottom of this Division, have Huddersfield as visitors to St. Andrews this week.

Both teams are in the relegation zone, but Huddersfield are nine points better off than their less fortunate opponents.

More or less equal
Perhaps Birmingham can be relied on to record a much overdue home win against a more or less equal.

Stoke City will be expected to beat an out-of-luck Manchester City.

The Sunderland-Newcastle encounter will seem to provide the most interesting game of this league.

It is a kind of a "Local Derby" in which it is anticipated no quarter will be given. I think the Roker Park lads will emerge winners from a very close game.

There will be another "Local Derby" at the Hawthorns ground, where West Brom entertain their close neighbours, Wolves.

Wolves last win over Derby County last week has left something to be considered with and the result of this game looks pretty open.

A draw looks a likely ending.

An unlucky day
In the Second Division, the indisputable leaders, Tottenham Hotspur, go to Coventry and it looks likely that March 4 is going to be an unlucky day for the lowly City team.

Nothing now seems to stand in the way of the Spurs and promotion and no one will dispute the fact that they are a worthy promotion side.